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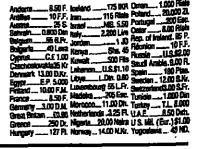
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# Deng Sees Lesson In Gorbachev Fate

The Strategy: Allow Wealth, To Pre-empt Any Discontent

New York Times Service
BELIING - Deng Xinoping

is a master strategist — in politics, military campaigns and even the game of bridge — and the recent calls in the official Chinese press for more rapid change seem to reflect his view that the Communist Party needs a new strategy for the

The new strategy that he and many younger party leaders fa-vor is to worry less about ideological correctness and more about cultivating public support by making people richer, giving them such a stake in the system that they will not chal-

Of course, if they still do try to take on the Communist Party, there is no doubt that the regime is still prepared to imprison, torture and perhaps kill

Still, the strategy pushed by Mr. Deng, who at 87 remains the nation's paramount leader, does imply a significant easing of the ideological straitjacket that for more than two years has curbed economic experimentation and paralyzed intellectual and cultural life.

Mr. Deng presumably does not intend to give citizens meaningful votes, but rather meaningful stocks and bonds. His goal is not to free the press, but to make the controlled press more realistic and interesting

At issue is the fundamental question of how a Communist state can best survive. Mikhail S. Gorbachev gave power to the people of the Soviet Union, without giving them better sansage, and the people used the power to overthrow him.

Mr. Deng, impressed by the icsson, new seems to believe

By Nicholas D. Kristof
New York Times Service that the greatest threat to Communist rule is not foreign subversion but internal economic The calls for change continned Monday with a front-page editorial in People's Daily, also: printed in other major papers, headlined, "Be Bolder in Re-

> "In the course of reform and opening up, we'll come across

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some problems," an editorial declared. "We can't rely only on past solutions to resolve these difficulties; we need to boldly delve for new methods. More than ever, this means liberating our thinking daring to rush forward, daring to act, daring to do what no one else has done be-

An even more remarkable article appeared on the front page of Sunday's People's Daily, calling for China to borrow use ful elements of capitalism. The article also suggested that China need not fear Western cultural subversion, but should encourage more exchanges to 'enrich our culture."

A central part of Mr. Deng's strategy is to shift power to moderates and ease out the hard-liners who have dominated policy in the two and a half years since the Tiananmen crackdown, in which hundreds of pro-democracy protesters

The problem for the government is that it is not clear it can afford to ease the repression. Like Iran in the 1970s or East Germany in the 1980s, the govcriment has alienated so many people that any new tolerance is likely to be met not by applause

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Princk Bar/Aper
Orthodox Jews making their way through snow Tuesday in Jerusalem after northern Israel was hit by its third major storm of the year. Page 2.

# On Loan Issue, Baker Denies Siding With Arabs

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d expressed firm rejection Tuesday of suggestions that the United States was interfering in Israel's election campaign and siding with the Arabs in peace talks.

Mr. Baker's comments, made before a Senate committee reviewing U.S. foreign aid, came as he defended White House conditions on granting Israel's request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees to help Soviet immigrants.

On Monday, Mr. Baker said for the first time publicly that the United States would not grant the guarantees at all unless Israel agreed to freeze construcpied territories. He offered Israel a guarantee amount lower than the original if it agreed to complete only those housing units under construction.

In defense of this policy pronouncement, which brought protests from Isra-el's governing Likud party, Mr. Baker denied that the U.S. position amounted to a "take it or leave it" ultimatum.

He said that negotiations on the loan issue were continuing with Israel's am-bassador to Washington, Zalman Sho-val. Mr. Shoval said Tuesday that he hoped a compromise could be reached. "If the Arabs should think, wrongly

pressure on Israel," Mr. Shoval said in a television interview, "it may be a very negative development for the peace pro-

Israel is engaged in separate talks with Syria, Lebanon and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The talks, inaugurated in Madrid after a Middle East peace conference in October, began a fourth round on Monday.

Mr. Baker expressed hope that "somehow" the impasse could be breached in a way that "does not betray long-standing United States policy" opposing the set-

The issue of U.S. interference in Israperhaps, that they can get something not as a result of negotiating with Israel as a result of negotiating with Israel as a "s affairs, or the perception of interfer-

ence, was raised Tuesday in Washington by some senators.

Mr. Baker responded: "We've had discussions on loan guarantees going on well before there was even a suggestion that there was going to be an election in Israel. So I'd like to put that old canard

He said the U.S. position - that Israeli settlements in the occupied territories were an obstacle to peace — had been discussed with the Israelis "for over two and a half years, maybe three."

President George Bush, commenting on his way to California, conceded that there were political risks in seeking an See LOANS, Page 5.

# Japan, Going Solo in Space, Rejects Joint Project With Europe

By Steven Brull ernational Herald Tribune

TOKYO - Japan has ruled out joint develcoment of the European Space Agency's Hermes manned space shuttle and will not give the project major financial and technological support, European and Japanese officials said Tuesday.

While Tokyo may agree to some limited technical cooperation with the Europeans, Japan wants to keep free to develop its own space program, the officials said.

"Japan will not solve the financial problems of the European Space Agency," Erich Riedl, a state secretary at the German Economics Ministry, said in an interview. "There will be technical cooperation, but not in the short or medium

Officials from other European Community countries here confirmed the thrust of his re-

A lack of largesse from Bonn, where finances are strapped because of the high costs of reunification, has prevented the 13-member Europe-

an Space Agency from making a firm commit-ment to move the \$9 billion Hearnes project from research to the development phase. In a meeting in November in Munich, Euro-

pean Space Agency ministers decided to review the program at the end of 1992, after assessing possible cooperation with Russia, Japan and

Some European officials had hoped to find synergies with Japan's project to build Hope, an unmanned space shuttle set for completion by the year 2000, about two years ahead of

in design, size and weight, and because neither has yet gone into development.

But Mr. Riedl, echoing comments of Japanese officials, said joint development had been ruled out because Hermes is a manned craft and Hope is unmanned. "They're not compati-

Perhaps a more important factor in Japan's reluctance to cooperate, however, is the Japa-nese space program's justification; to wean the

Hermes. Expectations of cooperation had been nation from technological dependence on the raised by similarities between the two shuttles United States and to gain independent access to

Kenji Morita, head of the Japanese Science and Technology Agency's international cooper-ation section, said Tuesday that there soon could be limited cooperation but that "joint development isn't possible because the Hermes and Hope shuttles are so different."

"We know we can't do everything ourselves," Mr. Morita said, "but we want to have the See SPACE, Page 12

# Gates Warns On Stresses In Moscow's **Atom Arsenal**

Ranks Instability As Primary Threat to U.S. Interests Abroad

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — The director of central intelligence, Robert M. Gates, on Tuesday ranked instability in the former Soviet Union as the No. I threat to U.S. interests abroad.

"I think it would be premature to take our sights off a country that still possesses 30,000 nuclear weapons," Mr. Gates told the House Foreign Affairs Committee during a broad sketch of security threats around the world.

For now, he said, President Boris N. Yeltsin and the leaders of the other three nucleararmed republics — Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan — are able to retain unified control over the former superpower's short and longrange nuclear arms.

But he added that "the military is being subjected to unprecedented stresses that the control system was not designed to absorb."

The people in charge of those systems are experiencing the same economic difficulties and pull of strong nationalism as other citizens of the newly independent republics, Mr. Gates

manders were making deals with local authorities to transfer allegiance in return for shelter and food.

Mr. Gates said conventional military forces of the former Soviet Union were "at their lowest readiness level in decades." The submarine force is having trouble keeping its junior offi-

cers and training its personnel, he said.

Dismanting the vast nuclear arsenal, even with U.S. help, will take time, Mr. Gates said. And even a far smaller nuclear force could devastate the United States if it fell into the hands of hostile elements that might emerge from growing ethnic and economic turmoil in

Rivals to Mr. Yeltsin threaten his ability to stabilize the country and bring it through the painful economic changes he has undertaken, Mr. Gates said.

But he predicted that Mr. Yeltsin, "by far the most skillful politician in Russia today," would make the necessary compromises with opponents to ensure his survival. Without him, Mr. Gates said, the liberalization program would most likely fail.

He said the CIA was encouraged by the fact that the increasingly vocal opposition to Mr. Yeltsin had failed to solidify into a cohesiv

Mr. Gates criticized the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service — the successor to the KGB — saying one of its main goals was still the acquisition of secrets from the United

The CIA chief added that at current levels, the Russian military budget this year would be about one-third that of the Soviet Union in the year before the nation crumbled.

The continuing dispute between Russia and Ukraine over control of the Black Sea Fleet, he said, gives an indication of the difficulties facing Russia's efforts to hold together the former

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#### **Senate Puts Conditions on China**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate voted Tuesday to put new conditions on renewing normal trade relations with China but fell well short of the two-thirds necessary to override President George Bush's promised veto.

The 59-to-39 vote followed an unusual secret session of the Senate to review intelligence about Beijing's arms sales to the Middle East. The compromise bill would require "substantial progress" by China in human rights, trade and weapons proliferation before mostfavored-nation trade status could be renewed. That trade status

Business/Finance Japan's economy is grinding to a halt, reports suggest. Page 11. Poland devalued the zloty to help bolster exports. Page 11.

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# **Bush Will Meet Latins** On a Losing Drug War

By Douglas Farah and Michael Isikoff Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Two years after President George Bush met with leaders of the world's top cocame-producing nations and de-clared war on the South American drug trade, narcotics production across the region has surged to record levels and illicit profits are soaring according to U.S. and Latin American drug officials.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Mr. Bush and the leaders of six Latin American nations will meet in San Antonio, Texas, for another summit meeting, which White a recent White House estimate House officials say will highlight progress in the drug war and produce new agreements for regional attacks against the traffickers.

But despite \$475 million in U.S. military, law-enforcement and economic aid that has poured into the region since the previous session in Cartagena, Colombia, the drug traffickers have proved far more resilient than leaders in any of the countries have publicly acknowledged according to U.S. and Latin American anti-drug officials.

"There's no indication anywhere that there's less cocaine coming out of South America than there was coming out three years ago," said Stanley E. Morris, who from 1989 to 1991 was deputy director for supply reduction at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

In view of the drug surplus, he added, "they are pushing new markets in Europe," because the U.S. market is saturated. The main effect of Bush administration drug policies in the region, Mr. Morris said, is "we've pushed

the market around a little bit." That assessment is supported by showing that worldwide cocaine production last year reached 900 metric tons - more than twice the official U.S. estimate in 1989. A narcotics study by the European Community will put the figure even higher -- 1,100 metric tons. It will attribute the increase to new production facilities in Brazil, Ecua-

ca, according to European Community sources. "The cancer is spreading fast," See DRUGS, Page 5

dor, Venezuela and Central Ameri-

# **U.S. Confidence Plummets**

## Consumers' Outlook Is Bleakest in 17 Years

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Consumer confidence

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Consumer confidence in the American economy plunged in February to the lowest level since 1974, when the nation was gripped by a severe recession.

The Conference Board's widely followed survey was called "quite disturbing by Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, though he repeated forecasts that the economy would pick up in the second quarter.

sent stocks tumbling on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow. Jones industrial average sank 40 points on the news, then edgeed back up a bit to close at 3,257.83 points, down 24.59. Bond prices rallied. While there have been signs in survey reflected a deepening pessirecent weeks that the economy may be starting to recover — notably an upturn in retail sales and the housing market —economists say that a

row and spend.

60 F M A M J J A S ON D J The data, released Tuesday, also The preliminary Feb. 1992 figure, 48.3, w In 17 years.

> mism about the outlook for the U.S. economy, with fears of rapidly rising unemployment and inflation. "Consumers continue to have a

sustained rise will be difficult if bleak view of current economic consumers remain hesitant to borpessimistic than a month ago in The Conference Board said its their expectations for the immedi-

ate future," the business research

group said. Its index for February dropped four points from January to a reading of 46.3, the lowest level since December 1974. The index, based on a 1985 adjusted base of 100, is calculated from responses to questions sent to 5,000 representative households across the United States, covering topics that range from home-buying plans to job se-

The release of the survey coincided with other evidence that the recession, which by some reckonings is now in its 18th month, was showing only inconclusive signs of abating. On Monday, the National Association of Business Economists forecast only sluggish growth in 1992, more pessimistic than its

Mr. Greenspan, testifying before Congress on Tuesday, said the numbers were "quite disturbing." But, repeating a view he expressed last week, he insisted that there were a number of signs that the



See CONFIDENCE, Page 12 In Weimar, Germany, Russian troops and T-80 tanks prepared to pull out Tuesday for Siberia.

# Lottery Plotters Find All It Takes Is \$5 Million and a Dream

New York Times Service RICHMOND, Virginia - There is a dream common among regular lottery players: to wait until the jackpot reaches an astronomical sum and then to

Sure, it would cost millions of dollars. But the payoff would be much richer. In Virginia this month, one investment group came tantalizingly close to cornering the market on all possible combinations of six numbers from 1 to

buy every possible number, guaranteeing a winner.

State lottery officials say the group bought 5 million of a possible 7 million tickets, at \$1 each, in a lottery with a \$27 million jackpot. Only a lack of time prevented them from buying the remaining 2 and 20, had been sold. And several chies point to an Australian investment group as the winner. State officials are worried enough about a repeat performance that they met

winning ticket, with the numbers 8, 11, 13, 15, 19,

Monday to debate a proposal that would block bulk sales in future lotteries. Banking officials in Richmond say the money for the bulk purchase came from Australia. No one has claimed the prize yet - winners have six months to come forward — but a syndicate in Australia has

notified its investors that it won an overseas jackpot, an Australian regulatory official said. The jackpot appeared headed for a record on Feb. 12. The state lottery director, Kenneth W. Thorson, said agency computers showed a huge increase in sales beginning Thursday morning. The players had On Feb. 15, the winning number, yielding a prize of \$1.3 million a year for 20 years, was pulled. Officials checked their records and found that one drawing, to buy tickets. Mr. Thorson said that at

least one store was still selling tickets at a brisk pace, 2,400 an hour, at the last minute.

Even so, the group seems to have been caught without tickets for 2 million possible combinations.

Lottery officials speculate that the investors may have chosen Virginia for two reasons. The state had the biggest jackpot in the country that weekend. And the 7 million entries required to cover all the combinations in a 44-number lottery is just half the number needed in a 49-number lottery, like Florida's. California has 51 numbers and New York has 54.

Lottery experts and gaming administrators said that this was the largest-scale ticket-buying effort they knew of in the United States. The previous record may have been held by a computer engineer who bought 80,000 tickets from a Jacksonville, Florida, bar in October. The bar owner said the man

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#### Thou Shalt Not Evade Tax

Agence France-Presse VATICAN CITY - Tax evasion will become a

sin under a new universal catechism approved by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. The bishops and cardinals who approved the revised catechism said Tuesday that it would in-

clude "social" sins for the first time. A committee that has been working for seven years studied 24,000 suggestions sent in by bishops from around the world. The 400-page catechism will be presented to Pope

John Paul II for his imprimatur. Social sins are grouped under the commandment "Thou shalt not steal." Beyond tax evasion, they include writing bad checks, corruption and bribery.

# Under Reagan, Bush Worked To Obtain Credit for Saddam

By Guy Gugliotta

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — High officials of the Reagan administration, including Vice President George Bush, repeatedly intervened with the Export-Import Bank to initiate and continue credit programs with Iraq, even though the bank deemed Iraq not creditworthy, the chairman of the House Banking Committee, Henry B. Gonzalez, a Dem-

ocrat of Texas, said Monday.

At the time of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, Banking Committee sources said, Iraq owed at least \$52 million on loans contracted through the bank. Iraq has defaulted on these loans and on \$2 billion in credits granted by the Agriculture Department to buy U.S. farm commodities.

Mr. Gonzalez, whose committee has been investigating aspects of the Iraqi credit history for a year, named Mr. Bush; former Secretary of State George P. Shultz; the current deputy secretary of state, Law-rence S. Eagleburger, and others as having several times interceded on Iraq's behalf when the Export-Import Bank dragged its feet in granting credit to the government of President Saddam Hussein.

The policy toward Iraq is by far the most tragic foreign policy epi-sode of the Bush and Reagan ad-ministrations," Mr. Gonzalez said in a floor speech. "It is a policy that ended in war and the loss of many precious lives — and with no longterm goal achieved."

The U.S.-Iraq relationship began to warm in 1982, when the United States removed Iraq from its list of nations supporting terrorism, and the Saddam government became eligible for U.S. agricultural credit guarantees and other sympathetic trade treatment. Iraq at the time was two years into what became a deadly eight-year war of attrition

Mr. Gonzalez described how the Export-Import Bank, an independent government agency that encourages U.S. exports by guaranteeing loans to foreign buyers, opened a line of credit guarantees to Iraq in 1984. This occurred after repeated urgings from Mr. Eagle-burger and a phone call from Mr. Bush to the chairman of the Export-Import Bank board, William H. Draper 3d.

By Steven R. Weisman

TOKYO - At a time when U.S. rela-

tions with Japan are growing more ran-

corous and fears are mounting that a crisis is in the offing, one American in

Tokyo is urging that the situation not be seen as worse than it really is.

say that our relationship with Japan is

"When people talk about a rapid dete-

gion," said the State Department ina memo prepared for Mr. Bush before the phone call and obtained by the Banking Committee. Early and favorable action on applica-tions would be clear and very welcome evidence of U.S. commitment to these objectives."

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Gonzalez said, the Export-Import Bank opened a credit line to Iraq. His remarks formed the latest in

a series of recent reports on Reagan and Bush administration efforts to woo the Saddam government right up to the eve of the Gulf crisis. During the 1980s, the United States shipped billions of dollars'

worth of agricultural and industrial goods to Iraq, including "dual-use" technology critical to Mr. Sad-dam's arms buildup.

Mr. Gonzalez said the credit enabled Iraq to buy a range of U.S. products, including 250 armored ambulances, portable communicament, pesticides, small motors for air conditioners, medical supplies, oil equipment and heavy machinery. All of these, Mr. Gonzalez said, were "relatively small" transactions except for a \$484 million credit guarantee for Bechtel Corp. equipment destined for the Aqaba oil pipeline project.

The Aqaba deal was never completed, Mr. Gonzalez noted, but he said Mr. Shultz and Mr. Eagleburger, along with the national se-curity adviser, Robert C. McFarlane, the attorney general, Edwin Meese 3d, and the CIA director, William J. Casey, at some point "contacted the Ex-Im Bank to obtain financing for the Aqaba pipe-

In 1986, Mr. Gonzalez said, Export-Import Bank suspended Iraq from its loan guarantee programs because of difficulties in collecting debts. The suspension lasted until July 1987 and was based on the bank's assessment that Iraq was slowly being strangled as a result of its war with Iran and would be unable to meet its payments sched-ule in the foresecable future.

Even so, he said, the United States pressed the bank to reopen the Iraqi portfolio. In an undated 1987 memo prepared for Mr. Bush before he again telephoned the bank, the State Department sug-gested the vice president make the

"Ex-Im Bank could play a cru-cial role in our efforts in the re-term Iraq will continue to face financial stress because of the war. Iraq's prospects for the medium to long term are good." The war refer-

ence was to the Iran-Iraq conflict. Export-Import Bank credit guar-antees resumed in July 1987 and continued until the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Banking Committee of-ficials acknowledged, however, that the bank's exposure to Iraq at any one time could not exceed \$200 million, because the bank required that the "revolving" debt be paid down before additional guarantees could be provided. As a result, the bank ended up with a relatively small outstanding balance when

the Gulf War began.

Documents supplied by the committee also showed that the bank never lost its disdain for the Iraqi credit arrangements. An undated healt regree from the 1927-to 1928. bank memo from the 1987-to-'88 period describes 10 "myths" about fraq as its war with fran wound down. Peace, the memo said, would not make Iraq a better creditor, because Baghdad "will not drasti-cally cut military spending" or make appreciable amounts of new money from oil exports.

"Moreover," it said, "Iraq has an attitude problem regarding foreign debt. Iraq only fully repays creditors who offer large new loans. If creditors don't offer new loans, Iraq simply fails to pay."

#### ■ Saddam Is Accused

Two rights groups have announced that investigations in Kurdish regions of northern Iraq and captured documents indicated that Mr. Saddam's regime has committed crimes against humanity through killings and deportation of Kurds, and by destroying about 4,000 villages, according to The Washington Post.

The report was released Monday by Middle East Watch and Physicians for Human Rights. It said substantial evidence existed for a UN investigation into the charge that in 1988, Mr. Saddam's government deported tens of thousands of Kurds to southern Iraq, where they were killed and buried in mass

Kurdish investigators have charged that 180,000 of their people were slain in an anti-Kurd cam-paign begun by Iraq in 1987.



Former Prime Minister Zenko Sazuki on Tuesday as he testified before legislators.

# Miyazawa Allies Deny Payoff Role

TOKYO - Two allies of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa took the stand in parliament on Thesday to deny wrongdoing in a payoff scandal, but this failed to ease the pressure on his government.

Former Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, 81, acknowledged that he had received 10 million yea (\$80,000) from Fumio Abe, a politician who is under indictment. He asserted that he had been unaware that Kyowa Co., a land developer at the heart of the scandal, had provided the money.

"I had temporarily agreed to keep the money since Mr. Abe brought it to me as a gratuity, after he first became a cabinet minister," Mr. Suzuki, prime minister from 1980 to 1982, told a special session of the lower house budget committee

ber, after the Kyowa scandal broke. Mr. Suzuki, long Mr. Miyazawa's mentor, retired from parlia-

Jun Shiozaki, 76, another former minister and a

leading member of the Miyazawa faction, acknowledged that he received 20 million yen from Kyowa but said it was not a bribe. "I wasn't sure if the money was intended as a

political donation or if it was gratitude money," he said. "That's why I delayed declaring the funds." He also returned the money to Mr. Abe in November, after the scandal broke.

Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Abe and Mr. Shiozaki stand accused by the opposition of using Kyowa money in Mr. Mryazawa's campaign last year to become

# Aristide Takes Steps for a Return

WASHINGTON (AP) - The overthrown president of Haiti, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, reached agreement Tuesday with his prime minister-designate on a series of steps designed to engineer a return

WORLD BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has told Congress it plans to sell Saudi Arabia 72 jet fighter planes worth \$5 billion, further bolstering the Saudi stockpile of modern U.S. weapons, sources disclosed

The 72 planes are on a classified list of arms that the administration is required to inform Congress annually may be sold to foreign countries. Saudi Arabia has bought \$14.8 billion worth of American arms since Iraq

mvaded Kirwait in Angust 1990.

The jet fighters are of two types: 48 F15-Es, designed for ground attacks, and 24 F15-Hs, a modification of the Strike Eagle plane still in production. The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the administration also told Congress that it might sell TOW long-range anti-tank missiles to Saudi Arabia and a half-dozen Patriot anti-missile

BELJING (Renters) — In the biggest dissident trials in China for a year, a former editor of the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily was sentenced Tuesday to four years in jail for "spreading counterrevolu-

tionary propaganda."

Wu Xuecan, who once publicly called for the dismissal of Prime Minister Li Peng, was one of seven dissidents sentenced, according to sources at the Middle Court. Mr. Wu, 42, was arrested for helping to publish a mock version of the People's Daily after the army crackdown on

demonstrators in June 1989.

The trials, most of which began last December, involve the largest bloc

of dissidents since China wrapped up its trials of the main leaders of the

U.K. to Australia: Unhand Queen

LONDON (Reuters) - English press and politicians rallied

round Queen Elizabeth II on Tuesday, accusing Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia of having breached protocol by putting his arm

"Nobody puts his hand on the queen," said Geoffrey Dickess, a member of Parliament for the Conservative Party. "This was a demonstration of discourtesy." Mr. Keating's wife, Annita, also reportedly failed to curtsey. The queen left Australia on Tuesday

after an eight-day visit.
"I was horrified," said another Conservative member of Parliament, John Stokes. "He will be the loser by his conduct during this visit. I do not think he realizes how loved the queen is in Australia."

Hackles were also raised in Britain by a speech Mr. Keating made Monday on the republican-monarchist debate.

mmen Square protests a year ago.

**Beijing Court Gives Editor 4 Years** 

invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

U.S. Said to Plan Jet Sale to Saudis

The agreement calls for a meeting involving the secretary-general of the Organization of American States in one month to make arrangements for Father Aristide, the elected president, to return.

The next move is for the Haitian parliament to ratify Father Aristide's choice for prime minister, Rene Théodore, a Communist Party leader. Father Aristide held lengthy discussions with Mr. Théodore here under

#### Key Sofia Reactor Is Partly Restored

SOFIA (AP) - A reactor at the troubled Kozlodui nuclear plant, shut down earlier this month after a malfunction, has been brought back on line, state radio reported Tuesday. But the plant, on which Bulgaria relies on for about 40 percent of its total energy needs, is only operating at about one-third of its capacity, officials said.

Prime Minister Filip Dimitrov said the government was negotiating additional electricity deliveries from Poland and Turkey as well as coal

supplies from Russia and Ukraine.

The electricity cuts and the problems in the plant are due to the difficult heritage in our energy policy," a plant spokesman told a newspaper on Tuesday. "The nuclear plant needs money to be repaired," he said, "but we do not have this money. We have not gotten any real help from the West."

#### Correction

An article in Tuesday's editions about the Lalaounis jewelery concern contained misspellings of the family name.

# TRAVEL UPDATE

authority to start nonstop service between Orlando, Florida, and Paris, beginning June 4. Traffic chaos reigned in Madrid on Tuesday when bus and Metro strikes threw tens of thousands of commuters onto the streets. (Reners)

Tourists in Poland will now be able to have their photos taken in railroad stations without fear of violating the secrets law, because of a new legislative revision. Under the old law, enacted by the Commun government in 1982, even small stations, bridges, post offices, desolate sections of highways and a host of other structures were marked with signs showing a crossed-out camera.

President George Bush has signed a bill establishing a park in the Virgin Islands on the St. Croix shore, where crewmen from one of Columbus's ships landed almost 500 years ago.

# Mideast Talk Turns

By Jackson Diehl

and diplomatic issues.

Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — After praying for an end to three years of drought, regional inhabitants might well wonder whether the response has not been too abundant. On Monday, Jerusalem and northern Israel were paralyzed by a once-in-a-generation snowstorm -

By late Tuesday, with more than 30 centimeters (about a foot) of snow on the ground and more forecast, the sight of the city's ancient steeples and spires glazed with white was beginning to wear thin for Israelis and Palestinians, who endured another day of closed shops and schools, snowbound roads and power cuts.

for the third time this year.

Many northern villages were cut off by the storm.

In the border settlement of Metullah, which last week underwent a rain of rockets from Lebanese Shiite guerrillas, residents were buried under a reported 1.2 meters of snow, making further hostilities impossible. "It's unbelievable to look outside and think you're in Israel," said Gloria Rahat, a resident of the Galilee settlement of Buci Yehuda. "I'm originally from Canada, and I feel like I'm in Cana-

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has declined from a high of \$57 billion to \$43 billion, and that Washington and Tokyo agree on a broad range of political "People don't even comment on it, it's become so routine," he said of U.S.-Japanese cooperation. Citing Kodak, Mimore, while defending Tokyo to Americans who feel that it has not done much

crosoft, Merck and other U.S. companies that have done well here, he said U.S.

businessmen should not avoid of Japan for "fear that it's just too hard." "It's important that success stories be

known because there are plenty of them, Mr. Armacost's job, of course, requires

that he emphasize the positive, in part to defend his own record in one of the most sensitive diplomatic posts in the world. But the ambassador is also a tough critic of Japanese policies and practices. Arriving here three years ago, he estab-

rioration in our relationship, I don't know quite what to make of it," said Michael H. Armacost, U.S. ambassador lished a new tone of blant advice to the to Japan. "I'm concerned about these Japanese and pressure to open up marperceptions. At the official level, I must **es.** in contrast to the friendly and deferential approach of his predecessor, Mike Mansfield, the former Among the trends cited by the ambas-Senate majority leader. sador is the fact that U.S. exports to

In the Japanese press, Mr. Armacost became known as "Mr. Gai-atsu." The Japan are growing, that the trade deficit term means "foreign pressure," and it was hardly ever used as a compliment. In an interview, Mr. Armacost said Monday that he did not feel especially torn over having to press Japan to do

"The Japanese market is a lot more

open than many foreign critics are willing to acknowledge," he said. "It's not as open as many Japanese like to claim. So there's work yet to be done."

After President George Bush's calami-

In Tokyo, a Blunt U.S. Advocate Sticks Up for Japan, Too

ty-filled visit to Japan in January, many critics felt it was not surprising that the positive message got drowned out. The Bush decision to bring along a group of automobile company executives, they said, guaranteed that their carping would get most of the publicity. Asked if the White House had blun-

dered in its handling of the trip, Mr. Armacost, a big athletic man who played ennis with Mr. Bush and Emperor Akihito on the day the president got sick, folded his hands and brooded in silence for several seconds. Then with a smile, he said, "Well, I

don't think you'd expect me to answer that question as you've phrased it." He added that "the jury is still out" since the trip may lead to greater market openines in Japan and more awareness among U.S. companies that they can compete here if they try. The gates are more open now, he said, in wood products, glass, machinery, telecommunica-

tions and other areas.

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Past Service
JOHANNESBURG — The

white opposition Conservative Par-

ty announced Tuesday that it

would participate in the referen-

dum President Frederik W. de

Klerk has called next month to ap-

prove his negotiations for a new nonracial constitution and that it

would wage an all-out campaign to

Africa's 4.5 million whites are now set for what may well be the last

stormy debate over their future as

well as that of Mr. de Klerk. He has

made it clear that he will proceed to

negotiate an end to white minority

rule if he wins the referendum and

will resign along with his govern-ment if he loses.

The Conservative Party has re-

iected the constitutional talks al-

ready under way with black parties

and has said it will seek partition of

the country to create a separate

white nation if it wins the referen-

Overruling their leadership's ad-

vice, the 42 Conservative members

of Parliament voted at a lengthy

The decision means that South

defeat him.

Japanese, there are some who say that the agreements are just cosmetic and that hey don't accomplish anything," he said. "Look, we've still got a deficit, That's evidence that there's still work to be done. But we don't do ourselves credit by overlooking the fact that there are addi-

tional opportunities as a result of past negotiations." In the areas of criticism, Mr. Armacost said winning trade concessions from Japan had been "much too hard" and had taken its toll by spreading the impression of Japan as a closed market.

He also expressed "great disappointment" that Tokyo had done nothing to break the impasse in the international trade negotiations known as the Uruguay

"It's up to Japan, a country benefiting as much as any from the free trade regime, to contribute a full measure of support to assure that we get a successful result in that negotiation," Mr. Armacost

"But too often, the effort here is to avoid the blame for failure rather than do the things necessary for success," he added. "A country that wants to benefit from

He said it was up to Japan's "political leadership" to break through the stranglebold of special interests on rice and other matters. "Japan isn't unique in hav-

should also apply the principle to those sectors where its inefficiencies are great."

ing strong domestic interests affecting big trade negotiations," he said. "In fact, it's quite typical." He said Japan should be especially praised for lining itself up behind so

many U.S. or U.S.-backed policies. These include support for the reconstruction of in Eastern Europe and Central America.

Japan has stepped up its payment for the basing of more than 60,000 U.S. troops on Japanese soil and backed the U.S. drive to isolate North Korea until it renounces nuclear weapons.

One big area of concern, he acknowledged, is the almost inevitable fact that the trade deficit will go back up again as the U.S. economy improves and Americans start buying more Japanese prod-ucts. Such a trend could coincide with a renewed Japanese export push to lift itself out of its own slump.

# Japanese Company to Try to Right **To Stormy Weather** TOKYO - Tadano Co. of Japan will send a team of experts to

The storm added to the wettest stormiest winter ever recorded in many parts of the country. Jerusalem and Galilee have already neared three times their average winter rainfall, and Tel Aviv has had its heaviest rains since it was

Israel was not alone. Storms knocked out electricity in the northern Irbid region of Jordan, where snow drifted as high as 1.8 meters. Most roads, including main highways from Amman to Damascus and to Iraq, were impassable. More snow and gale-force winds were predicted.

founded at the beginning of the

The storms have been mostly welcome to Israelis after a drought that had begun to pose a serious threat. Three months ago, the Sea of Galilee, Israel's largest supply of fresh water, was at a record low level. Scientists are now trying to prevent its overflowing into the resort hotels of the ancient city of Tiberias. As the lake's level has surged upward by nearly 2.75 meters, authorities have begun pumping its water into reservoirs.

The snow Tuesday almost made Israelis and Palestinians forget the conflict that usually shadows Jeru-

Roads were so clogged with un-plowed drifts and abandoned vehicles that most members of parliament were unable to turn up for what might have been a fiery de-bate on Israel's latest clash with the United States over Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. In place of the usual political hubbub, a joke was making the rounds. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, it went, could send unex-

pected assurance to President George Bush: "The settlements are frozen."

# The Monoliths on Easter Island

Easter Island next month to study whether the company's cranes can be used to right the island's monolithic stone statues.

Easter Island, which lies in the South Pacific about 3,200 kilometers (2,000 miles) west of Chile, is replete with huge stone statues.

many weighing tens of tons, and other archaeological remains. A company spokesman said Tuesday that the team would leave late next month to study the area and select statues to be put upright. The restoration, approved by the Chilean government, is sched-uled to begin in September and last several months. Chile's navy will provide assistance in unloading a crane to be used for the project. Japanese and Chilean archaeologists will also participate.

Reversing Leaders, Conservatives to Vote in Referendum

Klerk's reforms with great enthusi-

The Conservative Party leader,

Andries Trenmicht, said the caucus

had discussed the party's strategy

and reached a "democratic deci-

sion" to take part in the referen-

dum. According to press reports,

party leaders had decided at a long

That decision was to have been

announced Tuesday morning after a routine meeting of the party's cancus. But the leadership ran into

strong opposition to its boycott proposal, and the conference had

to be postponed until late after-

Mr. de Klerk has ignored condi-

tions posed earlier by Conservative

leaders for the party's participa-tion. This has put the Conserva-

tives at a disadvantage in terms of how the March 17 referendum will

The question will read: "Do you

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asm in his own referendum.

urge all whites "to reject Mr. de through negotiations?"

Mr. Treumicht and other senior the apartheid system.

meeting Monday night that it was demanded that the referendum

support continuation of the reform not participate in the referendum,

process which the state president which asked whites to vote for "the

began on Feb. 2, 1990, and which is downfall of their own nation."

# **Court Limits Force By Prison Guards**

guards who use unnecessary force against inmates violate the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment even if they inflict no scrious injuries, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The Conservatives had demand-

so-called "cooperative self-deter-mination," which means a separate

white homeland co-existing in a "commonwealth" with black tribal

homelands. This is a variation on

The Conservative Party had also

vote be counted on a constituency

basis, which would have given it the

advantage because the rural areas,

counted on the straight nationwide

basis of one person, one vote. Mr. Treumicht said that if his

party lost the referendum it would

only be one battle in the "war of the people's struggle," which would

Meanwhile, the neo-Nazi Afri-kaner National Resistance Move-

ment, led by Eugene Terre'B-lanche, said Tuesday that it would

continue in any case.

successful civil rights lawsuit WASHINGTON - Prison against guards who split his lip and loosened his teeth. A federal appeals court, ai-

#### though acknowledging that the guards had used excessive force against Keith Hudson, had thrown out his lawsuit after roling that his injuries were not "significant." But Justice Sandra Day O'Con-No Boycott of De Klerk Ballot

nor wrote that "when prison offi-cials maliciously and sadistically use force to cause harm, contemporary standards of decency always are violated." Physical force by prison officials, if not a good-faith effort to main-

caucus meeting in Cape Town to aimed at a new constitution tain or restore prison discipline, violates the Eighth Amendment The Conservatives had usuamented that voters be given an either-or choice reflecting their proposal for choice reflecting their proposal for mate claims of excessive force to immate claims of excessive force to conditions.

lawsuits over prison conditions. But Justice O'Connor said, "To deny the difference between punching a prisoner in the face and serving him unappetizing food is to ignore the concepts of dignity, civi-lized standards, humanity and de-cency that animate the Eighth

ndment' Mr. Hudson, an inmate at a Lonwhere it is strongest, are overrepre-sented in the white legislative house. Instead, the vote will be isiana state penitentiary, sued three guards over a 1983 incident. A federal magistrate ordered the guards to pay him \$800 in damages after ruling that their conduct amounted to a violation of Mr. Hudson's constitutional protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

The magistrate concluded that while Mr. Hadson was under restraint, a corrections officer punched him in the face and chest and another officer kicked him. The magistrate said that a third

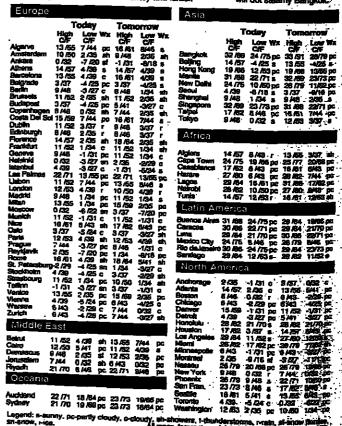
officer did nothing to stop the beating except to warn his colleagues not to "have too much fum."

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From Los Angeles to Vancouver, the West Coast
will be dry and warm for
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Much of Europe will have mild weather Thursday Much of Europe will have mild weather Thursday into Saturday. Showers will dampen ireland and much of Great Britain. A few showers will occur in London, but Paris to Berlin will be making dry. A new storm will bring snow to Turkey and Israel.



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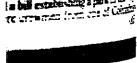
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Republicans Fear Bush Could Lose the Big One, California

President's Camp Is Getting Tough on Buchanan, Really

By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES — Key Republican figures in California, including former President Ronald Reagan, say President George Bush is in such deep trouble in the economically depressed state that he could easily fail to carry it in the November election. California has gone Republican in 9 of the last 10 presidential elections. Without its 54 electoral votes

about one-fifth of the total needed for election -Republican prospects of holding the presidency would be vastly diminished

California to be very difficult for Bush to carry California this time," said Stuart K. Spencer, an adviser to Mr. Reagan in his two presidential elections and to President Gerald R. Ford when he carried California in 1976. Mr. Reagan, who has endorsed Mr. Bush, was in California on Tuesday for events in San Francisco

and Los Angeles intended to raise \$2 million for the sident's re-election campaign.

By Andrew Rosenthal

strategists put out bullying talk about "going nega-tive" on Patrick J. Buchanan. After New Hamp-

shire, President George Bush's strategists conclud-

ed they had talked too hard and hit too softly. This

They are ready to spend whatever they have to

on commercials, including attack ads, and to ac-

cuse Mr. Buchanan of "cheating" and question his

The first blast against the conservative commer

tator came from a fellow fire-cater, Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the state singled out by

the Bush team as their killing ground.

Working on Mr. Bush's behalf, Mr. Gingrich

denounced Mr. Buchanan for running a campaign commercial accusing Mr. Bush of abandoning a

The advertisement was "dishonest" and "hit

below the belt," said Mr. Gingrich, whose sudden

affection for a president he has derided for three

years as a sellout on taxes is one sign of how topsy-

turvy the Republican campaign has become. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas has undertaken

the task of portraying the tough-talking Mr. Bu-

chanan as a wimp by reminding Southerners that

"Let him drop by Fort Benning and explain to

the commentator opposed the war against Iraq.

the people there why, when they were in the desert, he was opposing the president," Mr. Gramm said.

patriotism to show how tough they can be.

week, they say, they really mean it.

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON -- For weeks, White House

The former president told friends long before the New Hampshire primary that Mr. Bush faced re-election difficulties because "he doesn't seem to

stand for anything," according to sources close to him. The sources also said Mr. Reagan was concerned that Mr. Bush could lose the state, and with it the ceneral election.

campaign in California and a strategist in Mr. Wilson's gubernatorial election in 1990. "It was close in 1988, and 1984 doesn't count because that was the ceneral election." the general election.

Mr. Bush is also hurt by high unemployment as well as the virtual collapse of two crucial sectors of the California economy - real estate and aerospace. And the president suffers, as a source close to Governor Pete Wilson, a Republican, puts it, "because he is the first Republican candidate for president in a very long time who doesn't really connect to California, either emotionally or by virtue of long residence."

This lack of connection was evident in 1988, when Mr. Bush ran relatively poorly here at a time when California's economy was outperforming the national economy and then-President Reagan was strenuously campaigning for him. Even so, Mr. Bush won only 51 percent of the vote in California against Michael S. Dukakis, the Democratic candidate. Even Mr. Bush's advocates in the state sound

"California is a state that could go either way," said George Gorton, a spokesman for the Bush

Hampshire, the campaign is almost certain to run commercials criticizing Mr. Buchanan in the

The motivation for this sudden toughness is

simple: The stakes are high in the South. By March 10, eight Southern or border states will have held

nominating primaries or cancuses, beginning with Georgia and Maryland next Tuesday, and the

Bush campaign hopes to eliminate Mr. Buchanan as a candidate.

Southern poll takers, political scientists and pol-

"If the president does not do substantially better

iticians say the ingredients are there for Mr. Bush

in the South than in New Hampshire, he better buy

him a real house in Texas, because he's going to

need it," said Claiborne Darden, a poll taker in

Mr. Bush's supporters, who frantically tried to

play down the importance of New Hampshire,

acknowledge that the next two weeks are a clear

test of the president's ability to drag his campaign

out of its current state of confusion, reassert con-

trol over his own party and prepare for the fall

So, the Bush camp is angry. Are the other guys

Even though his decision to pull his punches in New Hampshire clearly cost Mr. Bush votes, no

one doubts his ability to get nasty. He did that in 1988 against Michael S. Dukakis.

But Mr. Dukakis did not fight back. This time,

campaign against the Democratic nominee.

Ronald Reagan."

The historical handicap may be particularly severe. One of the reasons Republicans have done well in California elections is that their leaders have frequently been on the national ticket. Richard Nixon carried the state twice in presidential elections and was on the ticket twice as Dwight D. Eisenhower's vice presidential candidate. Ronald Reagan won an astounding 10 primary and general gubernatorial or presidential elections in California.

Mr. Ford, who had a winter home in Palm Springs, had more of a connection with the state than Mr. Bush does. Mr. Ford defeated the Democratic nominee, Jimmy Carter, by 14 percentage points in California while narrowly losing the 1976 national election.

The main hope Mr. Bush supporters here have is that the Democrats will also nominate a candidate who does not connect with California. They put Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts in that

category. "Tsongas won't sell here, and Clinton is a southerner," Mr. Gorton said.

The most recent California Poll last month showed that only 38 percent of Californians were inclined to vote for Mr. Bush for re-election, down from 54 percent in September 1991. That approval rating is lower than Mr. Carter had at a comparable point in 1980. Mr. Carter went on to lose the state to Senator Edward M. Kennedy in the Democratic primary and to Mr. Reagan in the general election.

Mr. Bush also faces handicaps here because he is out of step with the socially liberal California electorate on such issues as abortion and the environ-

A Bush operative says his "twin nightmares" are the continued deterioration in the California economy and a Supreme Court ruling that overturns the Roe v. Wade abortion rights decision. California was one of the first states to pass a permissive abortion law, which Mr. Reagan signed into law in 1967 during the early months of his governorship. Mr. Wilson is a strong supporter of abortion rights, a position that polls show is favored even by a major-

# U.S. to Ease Curbs On Goods Altered By Genetic Means

By Philip J. Hilts
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The White House has issued a policy on biotechnology products, saying that genetically engineered products are not dangerous in themselves and should not get too much scrutiny from federal regulators.

The statement is intended to spur the hiotechnology industry and keep regulators from singling out these products for extra proce-

It would put the stamp of policy on practices that have been evolving in U.S. agencies for years, assuring that fewer and fewer biotechnology products need special approval to release new organisms into the world.

Mr. Bush said Monday: "I am announcing major new ground rules for regulation of biotechnology. This \$4 billion industry should grow to \$50 billion by the end of the decade - if we let it. The United States leads the world in biotechnology and I intend to keep it that way.

Federal regulations that govern genetically engineered pesticides and other toxic chemicals are being written but have been stalled, at least partly because the overarching policy statement was not final until now.

The statement contains few specifics but will serve as guidance to

Competitiveness to intercede if regulations of biotechnology compa-nies get too "burdensome to business," in the language of White House staff.

The policy covers all uses of genetically altered organisms or products, from crops to medicines. In the past it has taken many years up to five or six in some cases -to approve these products.

Even after some years of trying to make the process quicker, the average time remains more than three years, from notification of the government to its final approval.

Among the genetically engineered products now coming along is a tomato plant with a special gene inserted. The gene destroys one of the enzymes that make the plant ripen, so that although tomatoes can be matured on the vine. they will not soften and shrivel until long after they are shipped to

stores.

Despite the promise of such products, critics have worried about the dangers of introducing novel organisms into the environment, arguing that some might run riot if unrestrained by natural ene

The basis of the policy is that genetically engineered products should not be considered inherentdangerous, and that regulation should be based on evidence that the risk presented by introduction of an organism in a particular enviregulatory agencies and the basis roument used for a particular type for the Vice President's Council on of application is unreasonable."

# **Many Medical Devices May Face Restrictions**

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The head of the Food and Drug Administration is making it clear to manufacturers of more than 100 untested medical devices already in use that they must present data from rigorous safety tests or face restrictions on

their products.

Like breast implants, which were restricted in the United States earlier this month, these products were in use before 1976 when a law went into effect governing federal approval of new devices. The law also required U.S. review of the older products but set no timetable for that. Now the commissioner of food and drugs, Dr. David A. Kessler, is making a priority of

Such reviews. Among the products facing scrutiny are implants for the testes. shoulders and knees, brain stimulaand lens implants for the eye.

"We are becoming more rigorous," an agency official said. "These untested devices need attention. Drugs may be in your system for a day or a week, but many devices are in for good."

The official said the agency would review not only the devices

law, but also many that got lessthan-rigorous scrutiny when the agency approved them in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Untested devices are worrisome, even though they have been in use for 15 years or more, because it is widely believed that the reporting of adverse reactions to drugs and devices is poor, making it possible that some devices have caused substantial health problems that have gone unrecorded and unstudied. That is largely because doctors

have not been required to report such instances, although they will be this year when an unrelated regulation goes into effect.

Agency officials said no specific reports of dangers with the prodncts was driving the new move for review of these products, which is

we looking closely at these devices 30 years ago to see what happens in people's bodies? We must remem-ber that these device laws are only 15 years old and our sophistication is still evolving. We now can ask and answer questions we could never even pose before."

-PHILIP J. HILTS

#### And Charles Black, senior adviser to the Bush Mr. Bush is calling a proven street fighter outside, Patrick Buchanan and his wife at a Georgia ribs restaurant as they took time from campaigning. who has shown no hesitation to attack Mr. Bush. campaign, said that after holding its fire in New A Star GI, Bounced by Army, Finds His Niche in Germany

By Marc Fisher

promised tax break.

hington Past Service POTSDAM, Germany — In 1989, the U.S. Army bestowed upon Staff Sergeant Gerald Wood the coveted title of Army Journalist

In 1990, the army asked the Jay-cees to name Sergeant Wood one of the most outstanding young men in America: "He is the epitome of today's educated, articulate, professional soldier," an army statement said.

In January 1991, the army locked Sergeant Wood out of his office in West Berlin, forbade him to speak publicly, flew him to New Jersey and tossed him out of the service. By opposing the Gulf War in one of his articles and "criticizing army practices," the army said,
Sergeant Wood brought "discredit
to the army" and "violated the trust
of his position."

In ordinary times, that would a German government official to promising career. But these times pleasant and courteons. are hardly ordinary.

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'You're an Ossi,' an Easterner, they said.

gan-style press conference" — Mr. Wood's term for a news conference

'That was a great compliment.' **Ex-Staff Sergeant Gerald Wood** 

East Germany.

later, former Sergeant Wood was invited to share Thanksgiving din-invited to share Thanksgiving din-one of the five German states creat-ed from the remains of Communist Berlin. And a few weeks ago, when Mr. Wood ran into the army commander who signed his dismissal papers, "She came up to me smiling and we had a nice conversation."

The commander did not have much of a choice. Mr. Wood is now at which reporters are forced to

And so it was that 10 months ian is the first press secretary of the

"What an amazing time to be here, to see everything beginning,"
Mr. Wood said in his newly renovated office in the towering fortress that once housed Nazi military archives and later the local headquar-

ters of the Communist Party. "It was hard at the beginning. I wasn't sure about my German, and I didn't know how the German government worked. When the 27-year-old American offered to teach former Communists how to run a "Ronald Rea-

behave civilly - he got an inter-

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ration when writing speeches and

So here he is at his desk. Ger-

view, and aced it.

"But then, a few months ago, I was at a social event and someone on the staff said, 'Gerry, you're no Wessi,' East German slang for arrogant Western Germans.
"You're an Ossi," an Easterner.

These days, Mr. Wood eschews the jacket-and-tie dress code and addresses reporters by the informal du rather than the formal Sie that remains the rule in the West. He is also clearly an American. He has introduced salted - rather

"That was a great compliment."

than sugared - popcorn to the Eastern lawmakers, turning his of-SV 28 "There's a tendency here for the most negative aspects of U.S. culture to dominate - kids imitating

our gang warfare, great disgust over violent American TV shows, the Ku Klux Klan coming here to recruit neo-Nazis," Mr. Wood said. "So I'm a kind of ambassador for

the good things about America. I haven't turned my back on America. I turned down all invitations to speak at German demonstrations against the war because they were too one-sided against America. I just don't want to have the feeling I'm living in exile here."

At his weekly press conferences, Mr. Wood banters with reporters about the latest revelations from nothing to stop it."

ny's secret police, boasts of new developments coming to the state, and bubbles with excitement over the new constitution that Brandenburg will ask its citizens to adopt this spring. As an outsider, Mr. Wood is less

the files of the Stasi, East Germa-

threatening to many Eastern politicians and journalists than the Wesfellow Germans how things are done in the Western world, and who often are perceived as arrogant. Mr. Wood is a person Easterners can complain to, venting frustrations about the new system.

Mr. Wood lives in a dingy dormitory for state workers, eats the bland local fare and breathes the same gritty air, pervaded by bits of the brown coal that is used for

As a foreigner, he has watched the rise of anti-foreigner sentiment and violence with increasing apprehension. "It's alarming," he said. "Regular citizens stand by and watch attacks on foreigners and do

# Canada Is Set to Reopen The Hunt for Harp Seals

By William Claiborne Washington Post Service
TORONTO -- Canada will re-

sume promoting the hunting of baby harp seals, saying the bur-geoming seal population has made heavy inroads in Atlantic Ocean cod stocks and has prompted emergency cuts in fishing quotas. Officials said the new fishing re-

strictions would in effect end this winter's catch of northern cod by Canadian trawlers. Spokesmen for Canada's \$700 million-a-year northern cod industry — which employs 31,000 people, 90 percent of them in Newfoundland — said the quota cuts could lead to closure of a number of fish-processing plants and layoffs of hundreds of workers.

Large-scale seal hunting virtual-ly ended more than a decade ago after the environmental group Greenpeace and other environmental organizations focused world attention on the clubbing of baby harp seals on pack ice off the coast of Newfoundland. This caused the market for seal pelts in Europe and America to dry up.

The Canadian fisheries minister, John Crosbie, estimated that the harp seal population off the Atlan-tic coast had risen to 3.5 million from 2 million in 1985 and said the dramatically expanded herd was believed responsible for consuming vast quantities of northern cod and other species of fish. Responding to pleas from the fishing industry, Mr. Crosbie said the government would initiate measures to encourage increased harvesting of seals and to develop seal products and markets

that the predator-prey relationship between seals and cod was "not fully understood." He said the govof the stomach content of seals to determine what species of fish they

Greenpeace Canada called Mr. Crosbie's announcement "absurd" and declared that the market for harp seal products could never be "Unfortunately, he chose to focus on an easy scapegoat — the harp seal," said a Greenpeace spokesman, Bruno Marcocchio. "Rather than biting the bullet and making hard decisions aimed at

The new fishing quotas announced Monday set a "conserva-tion ceiling" of 120,000 tons of northern cod for this year, a 35 percent reduction in the allowable catch of 185,000 tons originally set

saving East Coast fishing, he has taken the easy route for short-term



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## **TOPICS**

For Jobless, Free Night School

Evening classes at North Adams State College in Massachusetts are free to the unemployed. Chet Gallup, 58, is typical of the 70 people who have taken advantage of the offer. For 30 years he was an electrical engineer for General Partie in Pittsfield. But he was laid off April 19, 1990 laid off April 19, 1990.

among the elderly. The classes may not help him land a new job right away, he admits, but they do fulfill credits he needs to earn a teaching certificate. The area's unemployment rate was 9 per-

Short Takes

The Federated League of Americans Around the Globe, or FLAAG, will hold panel discussions March 21 in Paris on "taxes, finances and living overseas." Details are available at FLAAG, 91 rue du Fanbourg St. Honoré, 75008 Paris, France, telephone 33-1-

A group of 37 World War I veterans in Tacoma, Washington, formed a Last Man Club in 1934, agreeing that the last member to survive would get to drink a bottle of 1917 vintage cognac. Today, Chester Chastek, 92, is the only man left. But it turns out he doesn't drink. He said he would open the bottle of cognac but other members of his American Legion post would have to drink it. American Legion post would have to drink it.
"I'm a tectotaler," he explained.

columnist, notes that Americans drink an average of 1.8 gallons (less than 7 liters) of wine a year. The French drink more than 10 times as much, 19.5 gallons a year per capita. Mr. Prial writes, "The fact that the average

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give pause to those who think that the United States will one day become a wine-drinking

How to hold down jury awards in personal-injury cases? I. Ric Gass, a Milwankee attor-ney who often represents corporate defen-dants, has this advice, which he has recorded on a one-hour videotape: Do not object to the on a one-nour videorape: Do not object to the victim's constant presence in the courtroom; this will "desensitize" the jury to his or her plight, But if the plaintiff is wheeled into the courtroom at a dramatic moment, "you'll hear a gasp." Likewise, gruesome photographs should be shown to prospective jurors, rather than waiting until the trial begins. Do talk about all the things a severely injured person can still do — maybe even scuba diving, sailing, bowling, archery, "perhaps with some modifications."

Tony Hulman, when he was owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, was once asked who he thought would win the annual India-napolis 500 race. He replied: "I don't know. That's why we run the damin thing."

Arthur Highee

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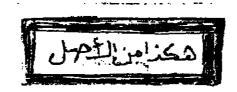




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By Nicholas D. Kristof

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people here have emptied their rice bowls and put down their chopsticks, the criminal in-

stincts overwhelm the most unlikely people

- high-school students, white-haired old

women, even longtime Communist Party

As if by compulsion, someone locks the

door and they prepare for an evening of law-

It is mah-jongg time.

The Communist Party has tackled tough assignments before, like the 1949 Revolution.

But these days, the leadership of Shanghai

China's largest city, has set itself a truly daunting task: to eradicate mah-jongg, the

The crackdown conducted over the last six

weeks has been about as effective as a cam-

paign against baseball or dessert would be in the United States.

The campaign seems to illustrate two fundamental truths about Communist Party rule

The first is that the party seems so remote

these days that it has an uncaring talent for

annoying ordinary people without really

Probably more Chinese care passionately

about mah-jongg than about freedom of the press, and the result is that even those uncon-

cerned about persecution of dissidents pro-

fess irritation at endless political study ses-

sions, at requirements that they "volunteer"

to buy government bonds, and at denuncia-

tions of mah-jongg when there are no better

The second fundamental truth is that the

party has lost much of its ability either to

inspire or to terrorize, and so its edicts are

"It's no use to try to regulate mah-jonge."

said a young woman here. "Nobody pays attention to the campaign. The government babbles, and the people play."

The authorities are trying to stamp out

mah-jongg because play is usually accompa-

nied by gambling. Most mah-jongg enthusi-asts bet only small amounts, of ten the equiva-

lent of a few cents. But some people become

hard-core gamblers and fritter away all their

savings. Some men occasionally even stake

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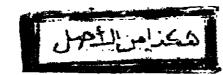
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Consequently, many Chinese regard mah-jongg as a dangerous vice — but an exceed-ingly fun one. They feel much the same am-

names as West Wind and Red Dragon. In the 1920s the game became popular in the United States and England.

bivalence that some people might feel for alcohol or blackjack or double helpings of Western countries also control gambling, but Shanghai is one of the few places in which

anthorities try to change social habits and ban small-scale betting in the privacy of the In Hong Kong, in contrast, mah-jongg is legal in social gatherings or in abundant par-kers that have licenses from the government,

Can Communists Beat the Red Dragon?

which has sought to keep the game out of the hands of Chinese gangs.

The Taiwan authorities allow social mah-

'It's no use to try to regulate the game. Nobody pays attention to the campaign. The government babbles, and the people play.'

ongg betting in the home, while Macao offers all kinds of gambling, including casmos, and consequently attracts large-stakes gamblers from all over Asia.

A yonng Shanghai woman

One reason for the authorities' zeal in Shanghai may be that privacy is not a well-known concept in China, and even the expression in Chinese for privacy is usually used in a pejorative sense, to hint at selfishness or secretiveness.

Still, even if they don't always value privacy, many ordinary Chinese treasure their small-stakes mah-jongg.

"There's no way you can succeed in ban-ning mah-jongg," said a college-educated woman who supports the government. "You might as well try to ban knives because they can sometimes be used to kill people."

Mah-jongg, which had its origins in the Song Dynasty more than 700 years ago, is played with 144 domino-like tiles with such

In Shanghai, the Mah-Jongg Players Play On, Ignoring a Party Crackdown Whether in America or China - or in such countries as Japan and Korea, where mahjongg is popular - the rules are essentially the same. Four people normally play at a time, each player keeping a "hand" of tiles and leaving the rest of the tiles in the center of the table. The players take turns putting some tiles down and taking up others, with the aim of building up a set of matching tiles. The

rules are something like those of gin rummy. China banned mah-jongg during the Cul-tural Revolution from 1966 to 1976, but there was a resurgence in the 1980s and now it is normally tolerated, even though officially frowned on.

Mah-jongg sets are available in stores Beijing Department Store has 10 kinds on sale, at prices ranging from \$5 to \$156—but mah-jongg gambling dens are strictly banned and the game is normally forbidden in the workplace and in schools. In most of China the government does not bother people who play in their homes. But

Shanghai for some reason has been particularly determined to uproot mah-jongg. The latest campaign against mah-jongg began around the turn of the year and was timed for the Chinese New Year celebrations,

when people have time on their hands and are prone to gamble. The authorities created 5,000 "anti-gambling squads" to prowl the suburbs. In addition, 270,000 rural Communist Party members in Shanghai were summoned to

meetings to watch as 4,300 party members publicly gave self-criticisms and renounced

mah-jongs.
Shanghai residents said that although the police might enter a house if they heard the most police most police. sound of tiles from the street, most police officers were too lazy to bother and would hurry on. But if a neighbor reported that mah-jongg was being played, the police would almost certainly raid a private house,

Many mah-jongg players said that the real problem in Shanghai was that there was nothing else to do in leisure time that was fun and

"We need more ways of having fun," said Zhang Weiguo, a Shanghai journalist and dissident. "On TV we see these things from the West - skiing, water slides, hang gliding and so on - but the only thing that people here have to turn to is traditional old mahjongg. So it's gotten to the point that out of 1.1 billion Chinese, maybe 900 million play. Only a melon-head doesn't play."

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tions about whether the White

House position placed the United

Arab governments had initially

JERUSALEM — The lawyer for

John Demjaniuk, sentenced to

hang for being the Nazi death camp

killer "Ivan the Terrible," on Tues-

States in the Arab camp.

particular drag summit that you'll see a broader level of cooperation, that the cooperation will be much more specific in terms of where we're going in the future, that the cooperation will be more structured in terms of how we can judge how well we're doing."

Meanwhile, Latin leaders will push their long-standing argument that the cocaine trade is fueled by demand in the United States and Europe.

This week, the session will be "As long as there is such a huge broadened to include leaders from demand for drugs in industrialized Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela. nations," said President César Ga-But as one indication of the diffiviria Trujillo of Colombia, "drug culties the administration faces, trafficking will remain a problem Venezuela's president, Carlos that will be very difficult to reduce in size, no matter how great our efforts or the sacrifices our nations make to face it."

In recent days, Bush administration officials have contended that their efforts are starting to pay off. The infusion of \$108 million in U.S. military aid to Colombia and rotating teams of U.S. Special Forces trainers in Peru and Bolivia have helped to double the amount of Latin military and police. It also of South American cocaine seized - 203.4 metric tons last year.

poppy growing, used to make her-om and morphine, and have forged ties with Sicilian families based in Maracaibo, Venezuela, to market Coca leaf production in Peru and The U.S. drug control director, Bolivia, after increasing for years, the heroin in Europe.

"The suggestion that somehow

we're doing this for the Arabs is an

equally phony canard," Mr. Baker said in his testimony to the Senate

Appropriations Committee. "We

are not doing anybody's negotiat-ing for them."

through the negotiations to achieve

self-rule in the occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip, were quick to seize on Mr. Baker's statement on loan

The Palestinian spokeswoman,

Hanan Ashrawi, said that her dele-

gation would not negotiate any de-

tails until settlements were halted.

achieve an immediate and total

stoppage of settlements," she said.

"We shall not enter into the details

of any plan before settlements are

"The most important issue is to

gnarantees.

Palestinians, who are seeking

— at least in part from the spread of a coca-killing fungus in Peru's Upper Huallaga Valley. Perhaps most importantly, Colombia's and gratitude but by independence crackdown against the once dominant Medellin cartel appears to the rehabilitation of those who died have severely weakened the organi-

stead of airplanes.

fickers have moved into large-scale

Nuclear Worry

dent States.

monwealth, he said.

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Soviet republics in the loosely bound Commonwealth of Indepen-

Many of the republics, con-

cerned about keeping Russia's

power in check, are forming ties

with each other outside the Com-

Ethnic tensions, which simmered

for decades under repressive Com-

But each move by the United States and its allies seems to have produced a disturbing counterdevelopment. The Medellin traffickers have been weakened, but the

rival Cali cartel has gained ground, taking over large shares of the U.S. and European markets, anti-drug ials say. At the same time, the Cali traffickers, as well as other, smaller groups, have developed new technologies to make production easier and cheaper. They have found al-

#### Bob Martinez, said: "I think at this finally appears to have leveled off Heeding Lessons (Continued from page 1)

in the Tiananmen crackdown, and by renewed street demonstrations for democracy or against corrup-tion in Beijing and Shanghai.

All this means that while the calls for greater openness can lead to real changes, which would be welcomed by most Chinese, there are fundamental limits as well. The Communist Party is changing strategies for reasons of self-preservation, and it is unlikely to plot own extinction.

The significance of the calls for change also lies in their effect on officials throughout the nation, particularly in low-level offices ternative ways to smuggle their where cadres sip tea and glance at products in shipping containers in-People's Daily and plot self-preservation. Their prime concern is not capitalism or communism, but sim-They also have diversified their production lines: Colombia's traf-

ply avoiding trouble. If the present wave of reformconsciousness continues, they will pivot. Local economic officials may spend less time trying to gouge extra taxes out of private business

people and more time trying to attract foreign investment. Communist Party secretaries at factories may be more enthusiastic about stock issues, dismissals of workers, subcontracting arrangements with private enterprises,

even bankruptcies. High school principals, who now sometimes make it tough on stu-dents who apply to American col-leges, may decide that in a less ideological environment they will not be criticized for allowing pupils to go abroad. Movie censors may approve film scripts that a year or two ago were turned down.

But while the frontiers of acceptability may change, the barriers are unlikely to be dismantled.

Another threat to stability is the increasingly vocal opposition to economic change in Russia, Lottery Formula Ukraine and other republics from local leaders who are holdovers from the defunct Communist sys-tem of privilege, Mr. Gates said.

Mr. Yeltsin still enjoys considerable popular support, Mr. Gates said, but "opposition is mounting to the pace and scope of the eco-

Mr. Gates also said that North Korea could have a nuclear weapon

that additional steps would be needed to produce nuclear weap-

■ Artillery Pounds Enclave

At least five people were killed and a dozen wounded by artillery during World War II. He maintains shells and rockets in Nagorno-Karabakh on Tuesday, and Armenian lawmakers met in special session to discuss the conflict. The Associated

> kert, the administrative capital of the disputed region, according to Tass. Among the dead was a Commonwealth soldier stationed in the

> Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran spent five hours in talks with the Azerbaijani president, Ayaz N. Mutalibov, Iranian

> Armenia and Azerbaijan have appealed for international intervention to end the fighting.

#### munist rule, are crupting and threatening the Commonwealth's survival, Mr. Gates said. **INVEST:**

(Continued from page 1) made a profit but did not win the \$94 million jackpot.

Trying to buy 7 million lottery tickets is a huge undertaking, even though outlets are allowed to be open 19 hours a day. Each Virginia game slip has room for five combinations, so the first step required filling out 1.4 million slips.

The Australian group used as many as eight chains of grocery and convenience stores, with a total of 125 outlets, in the Norfolk and Richmond areas, Mr. Thorson said. He said his agency notified state and federal tax and law-enforcement officials about the unusual purchases. No violations were apparent, the officials said.

An official familiar with the transaction said the Australians had wired \$7 million to a Virginia bank, which then issued cashier's checks to buy the lottery tickets.

A dozen lottery administrators said that buying masses of lottery tickets was a risky investment. "A lottery's a good deal for a dollar," said Joanne B. McNabb of the California lottery. "You can do some-thing better with a million."

The biggest danger to someone who bought a huge number of lottery tickets would be having to split the prize with others who had picked the same numbers. Mr. Thorson said some popular combinations had as many as 1,000 ticket

through barriers outside the legislaet KGB, after Mr. Demjanjuk was



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said they would not attend peace talks without a freeze on Israeli settlements, Mr. Baker said, and this was rejected by the United

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> chanting the telephone numbers of British abortion services marched to the Irish parliament on Tuesday to protest a court order keeping a 14-year-old rape victim from having an abortion in Britain. The phone numbers cannot be

printed anywhere in this Catholic country because of a blanket ban on abortion. There were scuffles when some protesters tried to break

Photo of Another 'Ivan' told the Supreme Court that the photo, which he acquired last month, helped prove that a Ukrainian named Ivan Marchenko was the brutal gas chamber operator at the Treblinka concentration camp.

day gave an Israeli court a 50-yearold photograph of a man he said Mr. Demjanjuk, 71, was convicted of torturing and asphyxiating The attorney, Yoram Sheftel. hundreds of thousands of Jews at Treblinka in Nazi-occupied Poland he is a victim of mistaken identity and is appealing the conviction and sentence

Mr. Sheftel said the photograph DUBLIN - About 300 students showed similarities in the ears and lips of the two men and helped explain why witnesses mistook Mr. Demjanjuk for Mr. Marchenko. Separately, the prosecution produced recently discovered state-

ments by 13 former Treblinka guards taken in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s saying Mr. Marchenko ran the gas chambers. Israeli officials found the guards' statements, taken by agents of the former Sovi-

nomic reform program.

in a few months. He told the House committee that North Korea had nearly completed a plant for plutonium, but

Press reported from Moscow. More than 50 shells hit Stepana-

region, it said. Radio reported.

# **Try Trade Negotiations**

If a foreign country runs its economy in ways that violate American antitrust law, Attorney General William Barr suggests. perhaps the United States should take it to court. The Justice Department emphasizes that it is not thinking specifically of Japan. The target could be in any country. But if companies there are conspiring against buying American exports, Mr. Barr thinks that an antitrust prosecution in American courts might be the answer.

Perhaps you will assume that Mr. Barr is merely trying to be helpful to his boss, President George Bush, in the administra-tion's current efforts to demonstrate that Pat Buchanan and his America First campaign do not have a monopoly on all the bad ideas in American politics. But Mr. Barr firmly insists that primary election results have nothing to do with his thoughts on worldwide enforcement of the Sherman Act. Unfortunately, that may be true. There have always been a few people here and there in the U.S. government who fail to see why American law should not prevail ev-crywhere regardless of national borders.

It is a bizarre concept, and it would do real harm to American exporters if it were ever put into action. The United States has occasionally tried to extend the reach of its laws into Canada and Europe, and the result has always been damaging to American interests. To Americans' surprise,

seriously to apply its antitrust standards to the internal economies of other countries, there are plenty of people abroad who would like to go into their own courts to apply their own health, safety and envi-ronmental standards to the factories in which American exports are produced.

That is why sensible governments prefer

to rely on trade negotiations, rather than litigation in each country's domestic court system, to deal with these collisions among national standards. That is also why it is crucially important to keep the process of trade negotiations moving along steadily, working out these very real differences among countries' practices. Mr. Barr's proposal is no more dangerous than the strategy being pursued by some of the Europe-ans, chiefly the French, to block the current series of trade negotiations, the so-called Uruguay Round, and defend their inordinate subsidies of their farm products. Not all Europeans seem to understand that if the Uruguay Round fails, there will be a rush of protectionist interests, public and private, into the American courts. Mr. Barr's antitrust theory is loopy and dangerous, but it is an example of the kind of thing that might well follow a collapse of rational trade negotiations. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### **Fakery From Both Sides** exclude a quarter of the nation's children

The United States suffers from two economic problems at once: in the short term, recession, and in the long term, stagnation. President George Bush and the House taxwriting committee propose to remedy both with tax cuts. The Senate Finance Committee will propose a bill to do the same this week. Each bill will promise to spur recovery—and long-term growth. Each promise clanks with falsity.

The sponsors mix up the short- and longterm needs of the economy and thereby provide for neither. The bills provide no quick-hitting burst of tax cuts or spending increases; they offer no permanent incentives for saving and investment.

This election-year fakery, on the part of both parties, is worse than false. It is fraudulent, masking a hodgepodge of tax breaks for special interests. All three bills deserve to die. For the short term, each plan promises to fight recession, primarily by cutting taxes of middle-class families. But each plan, claiming allegiance to the 1990 budget law, promises to keep a tight lid on the deficit in the immediate future. Deficits matter, but only if they mount steadily over time and are used to pay for excessive consumption. One-shot tax cuts pose no such threat. They would raise consumption only temporarily, perhaps enough to help the economy claw out of

timid proposals flop lamely like dying fish. The president's plan, and the expected Senate plan, err in more fundamental ways. Both would grant permanent tax relief for middle-class families. That would eliminate revenue even after the recession ends. Worse, the Senate version may actually exclude relief for families too poor to pay taxes. That would, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities,

recession, and thus should be bold. These

What these plans encourage is not growth but giveaways. For example, all three bills would shower rich subsidies on real estate investors. That might make sense if the economy needed more buildings, but the tax code already overly subsidizes real estate — by granting virtually unlimited deduction for mortgage payments. Besides, what the economy needs in order to grow is more equip-ment and better-trained workers.

Similarly misguided are subsidies for capital gains - the profit that investors earn on the sale of stocks, bonds and other investments. The president would cut taxes on old investments that could not possibly spur future growth. The House version is only a tad more responsible. It proposes indexing capital gains -- subtracting out gains due to inflation before applying the tax. Indexing capital gains sounds right, but only if Congress also indexes interest payments and other kinds of income, too. Piecemeal indexation could do more harm than good by driving investors to unproductive projects.

So much for fakery that cannot accomplish what is promised. Even worse are simmicks that will damage the economy. The president recommends new subsidies for retirement savings whose cost will mushroom over time. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Democrat of Texas, is pushing similar ideas on the Senate Finance Committee. One day several years from now, Congress will have to pay for such giveaways, either by increasing taxes sharply or by gouging dued public investment

Of the three proposals, the House bill is the least offensive. But what a grim choice both parties and both branches offer Amer-

ica: fake, false or fraudulent.

# Frohnmayer's Farewell

"I am deeply offended by some of the fifth that I see into which federal money has gone and some of the sacrilegious, blasphemous depictions that are portrayed by some to be art. And so I will speak strongly out opposed to that. But I would prefer to have this matter handled by a very sensitive, knowledgeable man of the arts, John Frohnmayer, than risk censorship or getting the federal government into telling every artist what he or she can paint."

- President George Bush, March 1990 That was then. This is now: John Frohnmayer, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, is out. He was deposed early in the first act of the post-New Hampshire political play in which Mr. Bush tries to best bad boy Patrick Buchanan and likeminded conservatives who endlessly ridicule a federal agency they would abolish.

It was a craven performance by the administration, and no sooner did it happen than it was being redirected, reproduced: Patrick Buchanan and the disappointing results in New Hampshire had nothing to do with it ... Mr. Frommayer was on his way out anyway ... He was simply "called in" after submitting his resignation ...

But whatever the spin, whether it was a clumsy, slow-motion exit or a swift kick, there is no disputing the absolutely untenable position of the man responsible for granting money to American artists and their organizations. "Embattled" came to be John Frohnmayer's given name. He tried to appease implacable political foes; to mediate between a vocal and at times ourrageous arts community that deems public funding an entitlement and a pumped-up conservative establishment led by Senator Jesse Helms and the direct-mail crusader Donald Wildmon, who get money and attention by attacking public support for a handful of projects which they, and probably most other Americans, perceive as offensive.

Mr. Frohnmayer was dammed by artists

whose grant applications he rejected, and he was damned by the Helms group for some he

approved -namely, those to celebrated and controversial "performance artists." Observing all this was an easily terrorized Congress, whose members peremially sought political cover, dodged and hid but (usually behind conference doors) continued to fund the National Conference doors) tional Endowment with carefully orchestrated language about decency and community standards and so forth.

Mr. Frohnmayer, an arts-loving lawyer and political novice, tried his best to prop up all the people slouching toward the National Endowment — the artists and their detractors. In the end it was he who fell flat. Who wouldn't? The chairmanship of the NEA is a near-impossible job as long as the country's cultural polarization exerts such influence on the agency and its chairman.

But it ought to be possible to rise above the poseurs and exhibitionists and present the National Endowment as the worthy agency that it is, an agency that distributes most of its money to mainstream orchestras, dance groups, civic operas and folk artists, not to artists who urinate on stage. It will take someone who understands the NEA's central purpose, which remains compelling: to encourage artistic expression for the benefit of the American people, to nurture the arts by maintaining the public's confidence. The National Endowment's natural constituents are the people, the audiences, not the fending parties. There was a time when the NEA's peer review panels, its national advisory council and its chairmen understood this better than they do today.

We persist in believing that some sense and restraint can be restored within an agency whose very existence is threatened. Leonard Garment's 1990 commission on the National Endowment suggested reforms, some of which Congress adopted. More procedural tinkering might be in order. But something has got to change in order for the NEA to carry out its delicate mission without all the mindless provocation and answering demagoguery.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

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Better for the Real Bush to Try Playing It Straight

WASHINGTON — The George Bush who exists in the mind's eye of the American nation is smothring the man who inhabits the White House and his dream to stay there. Their struggle will decide the 1992 presidential election.

The term "the mind's eye" suggests that we can sense a deeper, more basic reality than is conveyed by the visual images we apprehend. Dean Acheson said it even better when he was undersecretary of state and selling the American public on the Marshall Plan. There are times when it is necessary, Mr. Acheson told his aides, "to make things clearer than the truth." His phrase captures the sense of one of the most significant incidents of the campaign year. Howard Kurtz

By Arthur Hartman

WASHINGTON — No aspect of the cataclysmic economic breakdown afflicting the former Sovi-

et people cries out for help as poignantly as the probable fate of millions of children, should the West

administer vaccinations and medications are compe-tent, that hospitals and clinics are sanitary, the needles sterile, the drugs safe. Parents in the former Soviet

The new commonwealth can produce only 15 to 20

percent of the medical supplies it needs, and it does

not have enough hard currency to import them. In

addition, a frighteningly large proportion of medical personnel are not well trained. Most hospitals are filthy, dark and cold. Equipment breaks down and cannot be replaced. Aid is forthcoming, but the need

is so great that more is required.

The United States is joining other industrialized

democracies in helping at governmental and private levels. When all is said and done, the private sector

will probably end up delivering twice as much of the

democracy in the new commonwealth. The medical

conditions, and the critical need they reflect, indicate a

deeper political healing process that must take place.

Health-care facilities are contributing to the spread of hepatitis B and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Because of shortages, medical workers reuse syringes

and needles, and they lack sterilization equipment.

Parents are choosing not to have their children immu-

nized, to avoid exposing them to AIDS and hepatitis B.

Moreover, the World Health Organization recently

tested the 40 vaccines produced in the commonwealth

and found 27 of them to be "unfit for human or animal

needed relief as the U.S. government.

At stake is not just say

WASHINGTON — Despite Patrick Buchanan's strong showing

in New Hampshire, foreign observers

might still be tempted to dismiss the

"America First" movement as a tem-

porary fit of national pique that will end as soon the U.S. economy picks

up. Or they might agree with most of the internationalist American foreign-

policy community, which has tarred

the movement as a thoughtless, dan-gerous combination of isolationism,

nativism and protectionism.

They should resist both temptations. It is critically important for America's allies to understand that at

the heart of the movement is an intel-

lectually serious, strategically coher-ent challenge to the fundamentals of post-World War II American foreign

This approach does not

rule out international

cooperation. But it will

leaders ask, 'Cooperation

policy — and to the very recipe for national success that underlies it.

This new school of thought has

gained popularity not simply because it appeals to the scapegoating tenden-cies in all of us, but because it makes

considerable sense for a country like the United States in today's world.

At bottom, America's global strategy for the past half-century has assumed that the country's fate and

great power status depend primarily on how active it is on the world stage

— on the specific uses of its power

abroad. Thus, great stock has been placed in how many soldiers and

weapons America can deploy around the world, how much foreign aid it

doles out, and how much political

and economic cooperation it fosters.

The establishment has bound U.S.

security and prosperity ever more

insist that American

on whose terms?'

vesterners can trust that medical professionals who

not give them emergency medical aid.

Union do not have this assurance.

of The Washington Post reports an interesting thing about that story of Mr. Bush going gaga over a modern supermarket checkout counter. It probably never happen

The New York Times front-page exclusive, written with verve and wit by Andrew Rosenthal, was based on a two-paragraph "pool" dispatch — an account written by a few reporters selected to eyeball what the president does and provided to the much larger White House press corps back at base to use as their own material.

Mr. Rosenthal did not actually see Mr. Bush's reaction to the electronic bar code scanner. The reporters who did thought that the presi-

Save the Young Republics' Children

**Expect Americans to Be Busy at Home** 

By Alan Tonelson

This generic foreign policy model has even led Washington to seek for-eign policy solutions to domestic

problems — for example, securing stable energy supplies by defending

the Gulf region; curing America's economic ills by pressuring allies to grant trade concessions; and attack-

ing drug problems at home by fight-

ing narcoterrorists in Latin America.

more passive. It holds that America's

fate and great power status depend less on the uses of its power than on

its possession of power - on the

its interests. It emphasizes maintain-

ing military strength, increasing eco-

nomic power, and revitalizing a sickly society and political system. This approach would confine U.S.

military strategy to defending Ameri-

can territory and the country's few

literally vital foreign interests. It would seek to de-link America's fate

from that of more volatile regions. It

would recognize that many interna-tional conflicts and injustices do not

It would give foreign governments and companies exactly the same busi-ness opportunities that they give American companies but also recog-

nize that superior products are much

likelier to gain long-term market

share than are treaty obligations and

political arm-twisting — a change that the Europeans and the Japanese

might actually find appealing.

And it would recognize that in a highly diverse world, there is no guar-

antee that negotiated solutions to

shared global problems will be to America's liking. As in any bargain-ing situation, if America wants its

references to prevail, it must bring

The America First approach, in

other words, by no means rules out

expanding efforts at international co-operation. But it will insist that

American leaders always ask, "Coop-

America Firsters worry that the

material power to the table.

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concern the United States.

abilities it can apply to securing

The America First approach is

By Jim Hoagland

dent was not particularly impressed. Mr. Kurtz quotes one as saying that the president seemed "bored."
The Times' defense is that it was

simply using the pool system as everyone else does. But that sells Mr. Rosenthal's accomplishment short. He was making something that we all know about Mr. Bush "clearer than the truth."

Whatever Mr. Bush's reaction to the scanner was that day, we all "know" that this man has not bought a bag of groceries in a supermarket in at least 12 years. The metaphysical Bush of our mind's eye conquers the physical Bush we can see. That is how Bush the conquering warrior chief of

use." Vaccines are often stored past their effective

dates and without refrigeration.

According to Murray Feshbach, professor of population studies at Georgetown University, 95 percent of a population must be vaccinated against a disease to

prevent an epidemic. Soviet children, many already

suffering from vitamin deficiency and the effects of

We know that in 1989 one-quarter of Soviet children

who should have been vaccinated against polio were not; one-fifth were not immunized against diphtheria, and

one-third did not get a whooping cough vaccination.

The incidence of infectious diseases in the former

Soviet Union is already much higher than in the West.

Some 120,000 new cases of tuberculosis have been

In 1990, 312 people were reported to have developed

polio, a disease virtually wiped out in America. Seven hundred cases of diphtheria were reported in

Moscow alone in 1990, compared with one to three cases a year in the entire United States. A breakdown in sanitation may be responsible for more deaths

related to paratyphoid, typhoid and hepatitis A.

The people of the former Soviet Union have inspired

the world with their courage in struggling to create a

same people need assistance now to help them keep

their children alive and healthy. To balk at providing

assistance at a time of desperate need could doom the

fragile democracy and the peaceful world order.

The children of the former Soviet Union, to whom

we can give the gift of life, and our own children, to

The writer, U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union from

planet may remain nasty and disorder-ly despite the best U.S. efforts, and

that Americans need to think about

securing their interests if utopia is not

imminent. They know that in such an imperfect world, preserving strategic and economic freedom of action is

vital. And they understand that the

keys to solving many of the country's biggest domestic problems lie at home

The United States still has a vast

internal market, great natural wealth a world-class technological and indus-

trial base, a youthful population, and social, political and legal institutions

capable of promoting innovation and

lems surely will become even less pre-

The strongest and wealthiest coun-

make intelligent, mutually beneficial adjustments. Or they can echo the name-calling indulged in by America's

foreign policy elites today, and risk international crackups in years ahead.

The writer is research director at the

Economic Strategy Institute, which studies trade, technology and national security issues. He contributed this view

to the International Herald Tribune.

tries will have the best options.

nomic roots of drug abuse.

whom we can give the gift of peace, deserve no less.

1981 to 1988, is a member of the Russian Winter Campaign international committee. He contributed this

nent to The New York Times.

environmental degradation, are vulnerable.

reported annually in the Soviet Union.

the Gulf has gone in a year to being Bush the out-of-touch, uncaring klutz of New Hampshire.

Americans hold their president

nations, and they internalize his suc-cesses and failures as their own per-American electorate is more apt to inflict the pain of politics than to accept the politics of pain. The 37 percent of New Hampshire's voters who decided to punish Mr. Bush by giving their ballots to his hate-mongering opponent in the Republican

The main reason for Mr. Bush's decline is without a doubt the long, demoralizing recession, about which he has said only two things: It won't happen, and it is almost over.

about when a recession will begin or end than he does about how much a can of the Jolly Green Giant's peas would cost at the A&P.

Nor does the president's late-arcertain to make things worse.

my has done the Democrats' work for them. A year ago, the Democrats' big problem was how to make the argu-ment about unemployment and de-clining middle-class wages without sounding negative — without making themselves synonymous with bad news and bad feelings. The campaign starts with those problems focused in

the mind's eye.

Something like that has happened for Britain's Labor Party, out of power as long and as demoralized as the Democrats here. Labor is now rated even against the Conservatives in the election that Prime Minister John Major is expected to call for April 9.

spite an economic crisis much more severe than America's. The metaphysical Major - much like the physical one — is an appealing down-to-earth figure who is at ease with himself. And he has been able to convert a series of foreign policy events much more modest than Mr. Bush's role in Operation Desert Storm into an elec-

Mr. Bush could charge his problems off to the problems of image-making and bet on his spin doctors to take care of it in the fall. But his disconnection from ordinary Americans and, just as importantly, from himself has become clearer than the truth. Pork rinds, sidling into Texas bars and run-ning away from the fact that he is a foreign policy president with minimal interest in the economy won't fix it.

- in developing alternative fuel sources, in restructuring the economy to encourage long-term wealth creation rather than short-term consumption, and in cradicating the socioecoany of his opponents, a candidate who believes in the economy's ability to fix itself. That may not be the If America were Britain or France or Japan, the America First approach would be foolish. But the United electorate's dream guy, but it can only be better than the frantic, unbelievable creature we have seen run-ning away from himself on the cam-States has always approached world affairs with advantages not enjoyed by most other countries, and these advanpaign trail since last November's tages make a strategy that focuses on amassing strength and enhancing self-reliance both feasible and desirable. nocratic victory in the Pennsylva-

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personally responsible for what happens to them, much more than other sonal dramas. In bad times, the American electorate is more apt to primary prove that.

Instinctively, Americans "know" that Mr. Bush has no more of a cine

riving recovery plan have much credibility. Politically, he has to offer a plan for an economy in distress. But we "know" that he and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady believe that government should not intervene to spur the economy. Their emergency fix for the recession is against their beliefs, and so almost

In these circumstances, the econo-

But Mr. Major's personal standing with British voters remains high, detoral asset for the Conservatives.

He and his handlers should now

gamble. They should let Bush be Bush — an upper-class, rich WASP with greater experience in foreign af-fairs and national government than nia U.S. Senate race.

# Bush Seems To Give Up On Shamir

By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK — George Bush and James Baker seem to have decided on a go-for-broke strategy aimed at Israel's June elections: elther bring about the outright defeat of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. whose Likud bloc they believe stands in the way of peace; or force Mr. Shamir into a coalition government with Yitzhak Rabin, the new Labor Party leader whom they re gard as far more reasonable.

Their chosen vehicle for this highrisk strategy is to confront Israel with completely unacceptable choices on loan guarantees and settlement activity in the occupied territories.

Here in undressed form are the alternatives that Mr. Baker presented

to Israel last Friday:

• A five-year gnarantee for \$10°:
billion in return for Israel's commitment to stop all settlement activity, new and ongoing construction, everywhere in the West Bank and Gaza Strip except East Jerusalem

 Or a one-year guarantee for perhaps a measly \$1 billion in exchange for a pledge not to build new settlements and an understanding that all Israeli spending on ongoing construction in the territories be deducted from the total, meaning most of the \$1 billion. Mr. Bush and Mr. Baker know

that Mr. Shamir cannot or will not: accept either proposition. Their game is to block any deal with him. And their hope is that his failure to deliver on the much needed money to house new Soviet immigrants with turn Israeli voters against Likud leadership. The trick is to do that without letting Mr. Shamir turn the June elections into a referendum on American "bullying."

The first indication of White

House thinking on public relations tactics came on Monday when Secre-tary Baker testified before Congress on the loan guarantees. Mr. Baker, to the surprise of many administration officials and Israelis, put the two options he had given Israel into full public view — and thus set the stage for public confrontation.

He could have fudged the issue by, simply describing the options on loan guarantees in a general fashion. That would have calmed American Jewish leaders and allowed Prime Minister Shamir to maintain the fic-tion that serious talks on the guarantees were stil under way.

But the decision to lay bare the harsh choices indicates that Mr. Bush and Mr. Baker have crossed a threshold. They seem to be calculating that they can risk challenging Mr. Shamir more directly, given the emergence of the widely popular Mr. Rabin. And they appear to be-lieve that they have little more to lose with American supporters of Israel. In fact, they may even feel that getting tough on Israel will be good for Mr. Bush politically—as it was in September when he first stood up to Mr. Shamir on the loan

In sum, the White House wants to message: No money for Mr. Shamir. For his part, Mr. Shamir probably would like to see President Bush defeated in November. But ever since the Jimmy Carter days, Israeli hard-liners have worried about Democrats being even less sympa-

thetic to them than Republicans. Which leaves Israeli officials in a curious state of denial about relations with the Bush administration. They recognize that virtually all mu-tual trust has broken down, yet they continue to search desperately for someone in the administration to talk to privately, to rekindle the old sense of love and common purpose.

What Israelis do not want to un-derstand is that the end of the Cold War has made Israel far less important strategically to Washington, and to any future American administration. A new administration may restore trust and avoid nasty public exchanges, but it will not change basic American policies on the occupied territories or Middle East negotiations.

What holds the relationship to-

gether today, however, remains profound — the sense of Israel as a democracy, a free people and a good ally. Americans still deeply appreciate that moral bond and bemoan its being forfeited by Likud's policy on settlements. The administration's strategy for

dealing with this issue—treeing Mr.
Shamir in his own elections—is harsh and unforgiving. It crosses the fine line between diplomacy sad pressure politics. But even allies will do this when they see no other way. The New York Times.

# IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Change in Egypt?

CAIRO — It is reported that some English troops, on their return from India, will shortly be disembarked here. There is also talk of changes being made in the army of occupation. It is thought that the stay of the Indian troops may be prolonged, and of expanding opportunity. Why not exploit these advantages? In a world where events and probdictable, countries need as many op-tions as they can get, to meet the greatest number of contingencies. Indian troops may be prolonged, and that the changes may result in an increase in the effective strength of the English forces here. Everything points to a continuation of English occupation. It is probable that England wishes to make a military dis-The America First idea cannot provide all of the answers for U.S. foreign policy. But it clearly is the wave of the future. America's allies can try to un-derstand the logic and geopolitical re-alities behind this shift, and begin to make intelligent, mutually beneficial play at the ceremony of handing over the firman to the Khedive which is expected to take place March 15.

1917: Waldorf Attacked

NEW YORK — During the food riots here yesterday [Feb. 24], attempts were made to invade the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where it was believed that Governor Whitman was stopping. The rioters persisted in their efforts to force their way into

the hotel in spite of the Police Department's assertions that he was not stopping there. Many of the demonstrators were arrested by the "strong-arm" squad. These disturbances followed meetings in Madison and Rutgers Squares. It is an established fact that German propagandists are largely to blame for the food riots.

1942: Java Death Trap

BANDOENG, Java — [From our New York edition:] When the Japanese attempt landings on this island they will encounter the most formidable fortified position they have ever attacked. The in the statement of the st attacked. That is the opinion of reporters here who have covered the wars in China, Malaya and Singapore I have traveled over 250 miles of the low and one of the richest lands. It is fertile with death traps carefully constructed by the Dutch day after day over two years. Death for the invader limbs in the lowlands, in the swamps and in the tice fields, near every road, at every bridge and all through the jungles.

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# **OPINION**

N EW YORK — The other day I took off in flight. Some American journalists long hateful toward Israel still called an article on Israel. I could not believe celebrate in print.

what I was reading.

The article, by Cynthia Ozick, on the Op-Ed page of The New York Times, actually set forward some of the reasoning and historical logic behind the Israeli positions about settlements, the West Bank and peace talks. Right there in

#### ON MY MIND

print was an article that you might even call pro-Israeli.

I do not mean to be sardonic. In the American press, television and politics, sympathetic exposition of the Israeli riewpoint has become so rare that to come across it is a bit of a shock. What is going on —why is yesterday's ally today's villain?

One reason is the propaganda success of the intifada, virtually finished on the West Bank but still playing big in daily television reruns. Two: the great talent

of the Shamir government's politicalpublic relations apparatus — putting the country's worst face forward. Third, Israel's policing policies on the West Bank may be historically mild for

an occupying power but sit wrong in the stomach when carried out by a democra-cy expected to be decent even in danger. But let us not fool ourselves. Those propaganda and human rights issues skirt the heart of the demonization of Israel in the United States — whose government meanwhile is lifting sanctious against high-technology sales to Communist China even as Beijing peddles missiles to the Middle East, and which embraces Syria for brutalizing Lebanon into submission.

The central reason is that President George Bush has made it dramatically clear to Americans that he dislikes and distrusts the Israeli government and that so should they. In an infamous press conference in September he appealed for the support of Americans against Israel and its American supporters.

That made a lot of other Americans mad at Israel and frightened some American Jews into silence. Flocks of politicians once enamored of Israel

And much coverage from the Middle East abandoned fairness standards—not by overcovering the Arab case but by forgetting that there was an Israeli case. So here are a few reminders of reality:

Israel is a democracy. Democracies cannot go to war without public support. Dictatorships can, and do. That is the root of Middle Eastern wars.

Israel is the only country in the world that from the day of its birth was a constant military target - and still is. Israel did not seize the West Bank from Palestinians. Israelis took it from Jordan in 1967, after Jordan had attacked Israel. Two decades earlier Jordan grabbed and occupied it, drove out Jews, tyrannized Arabs and then just annexed the whole place.

Israel has offered a Palestinian settle-

ment for 14 years under the same stepby-step framework that is now the umbrella for the peace process — 14 wasted years of intransigent Arab refusal.

Israelis — Likud, Labor or coalition — and Palestinians must deal with West

Bank problems as part of the negotia-tions. To force Israel, as the United States is doing, to choose now between surrendering on settlements or surren-dering on the hope of helping Russian immigrants will bring more blackmail later. No Israeli government can survive that - nor can negotiations.

But, Palestinian agreement or not, there will be no reliable peace for Israehis as long as the Middle East is ruled almost solely by Israel-hating, Jew-hating dictatorships like Syria, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Iran. Also: The greatest danger of Middle East war comes not from Israeli-Pales-

tinian disputes but from conflict be-tween Muslim nations — the Iran-Iraq war, the Syrian conquest of Lebanon, Muslim terrorism against Muslim, and Irag's adventure in the Gulf.

Simple realities. Once, Americans and their presidents knew them. I dimly recall a quotation somewhere about how the meaning of friendship is constancy. I will look it up, sometime.

The New York Times.

#### Not a Neutral Name

WHEN Nazi Germany took over the Netherlands, a historically recognized independent nation, the Nether-lands unquestionably became occupied territory. What made it so was precisely its prior sovereign status. Since the demise of the Ottoman Empire after World War 1, however, the unallocated territories known as the West Bank have never had any internationally recog-

nized sovereign status.
Under UN Resolutions 242 and 338, Israel continues to have an internation-

ally mandated obligation, until there are peace treaties, to keep civil order in the lands that fell to it as a consequence of the 1967 and 1973 Arab assaults --- wars instigated to wipe out the Jewish state. For more than 70 years there has never been a legally acknowledged claimant to the territories west of the Jordan River. To continue to accept as axiomatic "Isra-

el-occurried West Bank" is anything but

neutral. It is, willy-nilly, to pander to the Palestine Liberation Organization. - Cynthia Ozick, who is working on a play about Holocaust revisioni nonenting in The New York Times.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### On Planet Friedman

Regarding "Apparently a Retreat From Reverse Reaganomics" (Opinion, Feb. 4): What planet is Milton Friedman on? Reaganomics restrained government spending he says? "Reducing revenue available to Congress is the only effective way to limit spending"?

The Reagan and Bush administrations wrote the biggest rubber check in history, and passed it on future generations. When it bounces, as it will, maybe Mr. Friedman should be awarded another Nobel Prize - this one for gall. NORMAN SPINRAD.

#### Too Little, Too Late?

Regarding the report "To Bonn, It's Showmanship" (Feb. 12):

My hat is off to the unnamed Bonn officials who cried foul over America's very modest, very late airlift of food and supplies to the former Soviet Union. They might also have noted that most of the shipments are left-over, unwanted Gulf War supplies coming from stocks here in Europe — including those ready-to-eat meals our own troops could not stand. As an American resident and observer here of 12 years I feel ashamed of the hype and hypocrisy coming out of Washington. It was refreshing to read the item in the Trib.

PETE HENAULT. Unterheinriet, Germany. Tourism in Sri Lanka

Regarding "Sri Lanka's Star Rises, the Mystical Way" (Feb. 15-16):

This article gives the impression that Sri Lanka is a country where "gay beach

# Consumerism's Specter

boys" cater to teeming tourists. Sri Lanka had a total of 317,703 tourists last year, down from the peak of 400,000 a decade earlier. Compared to its neighbors, which count their visitors in the millions, this is a negligible amount. Most tourists travel around the country and come essentially

for cultural purposes; very few concen-trate on beach holidays. As to the article's allusion to street prostitution, stray cases highlighted by the press from time to time are the exception rather than the rule. The contention that this is done "under the eye of a police force whose officials worry about how to regulate the flesh trade without offending tourists holding bard currency" connotes connivance by the authorities, which is completely false.

OMAR NAWAZ. Sri Lanka Tourism Office.

#### Spanish (In)justice

Your series on Spain last month was well-informed, up-to-date and perceptive. Unfortunately, it failed to mention the most important thing missing in the

country today: justice.

Justice in Spain is slow, inefficient, clumsy and arbitrary. Trials are often held years after the crime is committed. Neither the government nor — much worse — the opposition ever mentions the issue, so people are, as in Franco's time, more and more cynical.

Democracy exists when the ruled choose their rulers, who govern by means of laws. If there is no justice to see that those laws are implemented and obeyed, there is no democracy. And that is the case with Spain today.

HUGO SCORNIK. Maspalomas, Canary Islands.

#### Regarding the report "U.S. Diplomats

Seek a Guiding Light Through Policy Mazes" (Feb. 8): The author seeks a single word to supplant the word (George Kennan's "containment") that had guided the

U.S. foreign policy agenda since 1947.
May I suggest: "containment." Having contained communist expansion, it is now imperative that the expansion of America's consumerist philosophy be contained. Consumption is the driving force behind pollution, resource depletion and environmental degradation. All necessary steps should be taken to rein in the intensive promotion of mass con-sumption being carried out globally by the United States, through government, corporate and media activity. It is our only hope for salvaging something of the world for future generations.

G. RAY FUNKHOUSER.

#### The Church and the Nazis Regarding "Jesuit Report Says Church Aided Vichy" (Feb. 7):

I have some clear memories of the Nazi occupation of France and I am grateful for the way Cardinal Gerlier,

archbishop of Lyon, protected us as much as he could. All over France, Catholic priests, monks and nuns took huge risks to protect and hide downed U.S. and English

pilots, Jews and members of the Resistance. Very often these actions were taken at the instigation of bishops. Read the memoirs of American and British

# Wolf Down the High Tech, But Remember the Kitchen

By David Gelernter

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut — Martin Peretz wrote feelingly about When The New York Times uses America's "drastic shortage of young scithe term "operating system," it usually entists." But he is part of the problem, feels obliged to define it. Other newspapers do the same. They are not patronizing the readership. They

are just facing facts. An operating system is a fundamental item in the software world. If you do not know what one is, you are not going to

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learn on the basis of a single phrase. And how likely are you to grasp the point of the news story when you literally don't know the first thing about the topic?

Whenever a newspaper defines operating system for you, it is assuming you do not give a damn about technology. The topic finds most people bored and disengaged. Diners at a high-tech feast, they not done the latest cooling with they wolf down the latest goodies with-out wasting a thought on the mere science going on in the kitchen.

This rift between the patrons and the

help is getting dangerously worse. Ameri-ca is no longer getting the people it needs. Last year, a Commerce Department report concluded that the United States

was "in danger of being surpassed by the Japanese in 11 major 'emerging' areas of echnology." Meanwhile, the number of computer-science majors at American universities continued to drop, down by almost 25 percent since 1986.

In 1990, the proportion of U.S. computer-science doctorates awarded to non-U.S. citizens was 45 percent, up from 36 percent a decade earlier.

Students at Yale University are five

times more likely to pursue law, business or finance than graduate school in science or technology.

The American technology community

needs people. Even more, it needs engagement - your reactions to our new eas, your own new ideas in turn. It used to work like that. Technology would play a theme; urban planners, in-dustrial designers, architects, painters, writers and visionaries would respond. The 1939 World's Fair in New York

perfectly captured that vanished music. Today there is silence. Plans for the U.S. pavilion at the 1992 World's Fair in Seville call for a limp and recycled bunch of geodesic domes.

Telecommunications and multimedia are stymied: great technology, but what to do with it? The newspaper industry withers slowly, refusing to face the electronic future creatively. A few papers sponsor data-base services; almost none shows interest in electronic editions. shows interest in electronic editions.

In the humanities, computers are ubiquitous, doing tired, primitive chores: creating and printing docu-ments, once in a blue moon handling electronic mail. In commercial settings desktop computers are routinely idle 98

part of the intellectual establishment that regards science and technology as unfit topics for a real intellectual's attention. The last 28 issues of The New Republic published, on average, one-quarter of an article each on technology or science. The competition is a lot worse.

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The feelings are mutual. Scientists and technologists are getting comfortable behind their wall too.

They do not solicit meddling by outsiders, whom they have always considered just the timest bit dim.

In the pantheon of scientific duties, explaining research clearly to the non-technical community is placed right up there in urgency and appeal with empty-

ing the pencil sharpeners. A leading electronics engineering magazine, IEEE Spectrum, publishes wistful musings about the fading of the "heroic image of the scientist"; young people in the field do not even realize

that the public once found technology downright inspiring.
In the 1950s, popular culture was a fantasy on technology themes: jet planes and atomic power, miracle fibers and

electronic brains, the rockets and robots of the future. Remember? Today's technology crisis is a slow boil. Tomorrow's will be an explosion. However large it looms today, technol-

ogy is gnaranteed to grow radically more important. We will stop looking at computers and start gazing through them. They will be our windows on the world, purveyors of repackaged reality. The images we know and deal with — of our businesses, hospitals, governments, com-munities — will be computer-generated. But this "mirror reality" of the future

is a score for many voices. The lay public has charge of the crucial parts dealing with political, esthetic and ethical issues. The technical stuff merely fills in the harmonics.

Repackaging reality is a big responsibility. Are you content to wash your hands of it? To leave it all to the computer science-archy? Recently, technology issues have been shooting off like fireworks. You will find

them at the heart of public-policy disputes, major industry realignments, entire regional economies.

Meanwhile, of Stanford, Berkeley,

Princeton, Harvard and Yale, exactly one requires a technology course of every student. Top American universities were far

more interested in debating "multiculturalism" — a masterful response to modern times. It has all the cogency of smashing Japanese cars with pickaxes.

The writer, associate professor of computer science at Yale University, is author

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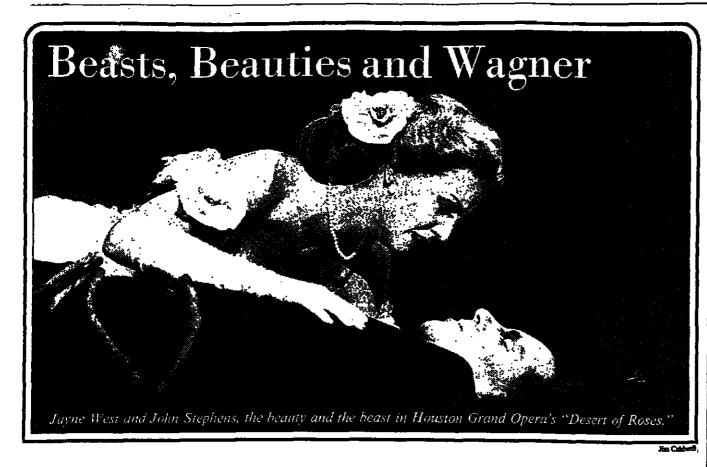
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By David Stevens

OUSTON - Houston Grand Opera's notable reputation for adven-turousness, including a dozen world premieres in the 20 years of David Gockley's direction, has been on display in a crowded month that has included Robert Wilson's visionary production of "Parsifal" and two lyric versions — one brand new, one more than 200 years old — of the Beauty and the Beast fairy tale.

To add spice, and risk, to the Beauty-Beast combination, Gockley commissioned the new work, "Desert of Roses," from the American composer Robert L. Moran, whose only previous foray into opera was a collaboration with Philip Glass, but whose track record is that of an agent provocateur of performance art and bizarre instrumental inventions.

To stage the two works, he imported John Dew, the Briton who is head of the municipal opera in Bielefeld, Germany, and whose radical stagings have alternately enthused and ap-palled European audiences. The result was a mixed bag, not without some appealing ideas well executed by the Houston company, but registering lower on the theatrical seismograph than these credentials suggest.

It was Wilson's encounter with Wagner that proved to be the major event.

Wilson, a Texan known, mainly in Europe, for his glacially slow, hieratic productions, and the spacious layout of Wagner's quasi-sacre music drama would seem to be a good match. And it is, in this production that Houston shares with the Hamburg State Opera.

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lighting suggest that the action unfolds by an endless lake. There are no knights of the grail and no eucharist; the rituals are implied by a huge glowing ring that descends to the stage. Kundry harangues Parsifal about his mother, but bestows no fateful kiss nor does she anoint his feet. Amfortas has the usual complaints, but shows no wound, nor does Parsifal try to heal it with the spear. Klingsor's castle pops up timely from the lake, but the spear comes from a different direction like a slow-moving laser beam; an easy catch for Parsifal, who thereafter

But this absence of anecdote is a strength in a staging in which Wilson seems to be listening intently to the music. The artificial hand ges-tures, Frida Parmeggiam's androgynous cos-tumes, the fastidious lighting, all conspired to mysteriously intensify the score's power.

carries it around like a divining rod.

Musically the performance, in the larger of the spacious Wortham Center's two theaters, was strongly sung, and beautifully paced by Christoph Eschenbach and his Houston Symphony Orchestra. John Keyes as Parsifal is a most promising heldentenor. Dunja Vejzovic was the strong, somewhat harsh Kundry. Harry Peeters as Gurnemanz, Monte Pederson as Amfortas and Richard Paul Fink as Klingsor were uniformly outstanding. Keyes and Fink are former members of the Houston Opera Studio, which supplied the singers for several smaller roles in all these productions — an indication of a high degree of local self-sufficiency.

Michael John LaChiusa's libretto for Moran's "Desert of Roses" tries to look at what precedes the fairy tale of the girl who, to save her father, goes to live with a monster and transforms him through love into the handsome prince he really is. The aggression and savagery of war (his uniform suggests the War Between the States) have made bim a monster, and his curse is to be trapped in a prison of rambling thorus and blood red roses, handsomely captured in Heinz Balthes's sets.

Another curse is that all hands were trapped in a surprisingly conventional and not very interesting score. There were arias and ensem-bles with vocal lines that did not particularly enhance the words, while an 18-member orchestra (with synthesizers and percussion) bur-bled away in an agreeably minimalist style, but to no discernible dramatic purpose.

Dew's staging was straightforward and John DeMain, HGO's music director, conducted a solid cast headed by Jayne West as the Girl, John Stephens as the bass-baritone Monster. and Stella Zambalis as a narrator.

UCH more fun was André Gretry's comédie-ballet "Zemire et Azor," first heard at Fontainebleau in 1771, but here renamed Beauty and the Beast" and propelled from Grétry's exotic opéra-comique orientalism into a campy world of motels and private jets.

Zémire's vacuum salesman father is stuck in a motel after a car breakdown and becomes a captive audience for Azor, whose beastliness is epitomized by a singing act derived from Elvis, Liberace and the like. His daughter rescues him and cleans up Azor's act in the process. La-Chiusa has supplied a translation into a kind of hip 1950ish English, true to Marmontel's original in its fashion. But Gretry's neatly sparkling music is intact and exuberantly sung by Diana Amos as the coloratura Zémire, Kip Wilborn as Azor, and some studio members in other roles. Here as elsewhere, the studio members proved to be thoroughly professional, although this is ostensibly a training program. David Beckwith was the alert conductor of the HGO orchestra.

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# A Stark and Resonant 'Pelléas'

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

ARDIFF, Wales — As it approaches its 50th birthday in 1996, the Welsh National Opera is recognized as one of the finest operatic ensembles in Europe and a striking example of the enrichment of regional culture that has been a feature of operatic life in Western Europe in recent decades.

But the triumphant new production of De-bussy's "Pelleas et Mélisande" represents something larger: a remarkable international collaboration, a significant aftershock from Daniel Barenbonn's departure from the Opera Bastille in Paris in 1989 and, not least, a

It is first of all the result of a partnership between two leading men of music and the-ater: Pierre Boulez, the French composer and conductor, and Peter Stein, the German theater director. Stein, who had previously directed Verdi's "Otello" and "Falstafi" in Cardiff, is this time reunited with two members of his team at Berlin's Schanbühne during the 1970s, Karl-Ernst Herrmann and Moidele Bickel, as set and costume designers.

Stein said he and Boulez had been talking about working together ever since Stein saw Boulez's collaboration with Patrice Chereau in Wagner's "Ring" at the 1976 Bayrenth Festival. Then Boulez saw a video of Stein's staging of "Otello," and began persuading Stein to undertake Debussy's sole opera-"When I looked at Maeterlinck's play, and

then went through the score with Pierre, I was drawn to the realistic, dramatic elements," Stein said. This corresponds with the revisionist view that Boulez has propounded

since before his 1969 London production. Although he is now the foremost exponent of French musical tradition, meaning its epitomization of clarity, order and reason, he is a stern polemicist against the prettification and sentimentality that are also very much associated with French musical theater, and with

Pelléas" especially. Thus the most controversial aspect of this production was the deliberate starkness of Hermann's sets, partly inspired by black-

Boulez-Stein production is part of the fallout from the Bastille

and-white drawings of Senrat, with most scenes filled with inky darkness and ominous panels and walls that opened up, grudgingly, to admit glaring light. This was an abstract, angry "Pelleas," perhaps over-intent on emphasizing the score's links to modernity.

This production was originally planned for Barenboim's mangural season at the Bastille. When he was abruptly dismissed, "everything collapsed," Boulez said. Brian McMaster, then WNO director and now at the Edinburgh Festival, "asked if I could work here, and I went and heard the orchestra and realized they could give us the time we needed for rehearsal. I had convinced Peter Stein to do 'Pelléas,' and I didn't want to leave him in the void after the Bastille failure."

After a British tour, this Pelléas will be seen in Paris at the Théâtre du Châtelet in April, seen by everyone as a deliberate challenge to the Pierre Berge regime at the Bastille.

"Pelleas" had to be recast for Cardiff. using all British singers, except for the American Kenneth Cox as the aged Arkel. Every-one was first-rate, both musically and theatrically, with acting that looked fantastically detailed, yet never stiff or over-calculated. That very much included Donald Maxwell (Stein's lago and Falstaff) as the jealous Go-

laud and Samuel Burkey as the boy Ymiold. Stein and Boulez found especially apt ex-ponents of the title roles: young, beautiful singers who could act and who seemed to personify these passionate yet ethereal be-

Boulez firmly believes a tenor, not a baritone or a hybrid, should sing Pelleas, and Neill Archer, costumed as a mid-19th-century Romantic poet, caught the spirit of the music and text superbly. Even better was Alison Hagley's Melisande, whom this pro-duction intended all along as a blend of

fragile poetry and overt sexuality.

In the pit in the 1,100-seat New Theatre, Boulez was even more persuasive than in his recording, abetted by refined playing from the orchestra. The music making was as translucent as one could imagine, yet impassioned and spontaneous.

Although there seems to be a worldwide "Pelléas" revival, Boulez and Matthew A. Eostein, the American who is the new head of the Cardiff company, seemed ready to dismiss other productions as mere coincidence. Stein wasn't so sure.

"This opera anticipated the nervousness of the 20th century," he said. "Its mixture of realism and metaphor and symbolism is very contemporary; eclecticism today is our daily bread. There is also a strange fin-de-siècle sense of helplessness about these characters. Perhaps there is a similarity to our own fin-

# Alpha Blondy, Messiah of Reggae

By Mike Zwerin sternational Herald Tribune

ARIS — An interracial class of children and their teacher arrived on a recreation break as Alpha Blondy was being interviewed by the fountain with playful sculptures next to the Beaubourg Center. A beatific smile spread on his face as they clowned, climbed over the bench, sat on his lap, screamed in his ear, fondled his dreadlocks and jet-black cheeks.

"What's your name?" he asked them, one after another: "Corinne, you have a nice smile. . . . Gabriel, what a lovely name. . . . David ah. King David." Gabriel giggled "king of imbeciles" and wrestled David to the ground. Separatin them, Blondy put his arm around David's shoulder. "David was a good king," he said, his voice like

velvet. Gabriel stopped giggling. Bear in mind that Rastafarians tend to set carried away when it comes to spirituality. The leading exponent of African reggae, Alpha Blondy is hailed as something of a messiah. The eyes burn, the tone is

"There's only one subject worth singing about," he said after the class had moved on. "Put down rock group called "Atomic Vibra-your guns.' Music is salvation. We tions," the last straw after all the while people destroy the planet. We earth for the children of tomorrow. We must occupy ourselves with more than having a good time. When you believe in remearnation, you understand that we are the children of tomorrow."

He sings in French, English, Spanish, Hebrew and his native Dioula. Subject matter includes South Africa ("Apartheid is Nazism"), Jewish history ("Masada" is his album), an ode to President Felix



"There's only one subject worth singing about."

Houphonët-Boigny of the Ivory Coast and an anti-war message evenings in Harlem, climbing unin-called "Desert Storm." He is living vited on stages to sing Bob Marley Coast and an anti-war message called "Desert Storm." He is living proof that reggae was no fad: "Any-thing that talks about God and oppression can never be a fad."

He learned the Koran from his grandmother, French from the Bible and English at a school from which he was expelled when he formed a His grandmother nicknamed him have a divine duty to prepare the Blondy, sounds like bandit in French. He chose Alpha himself, for "the beginning." Eventually he fin-ished high school and taught James Brownian English for a year before leaving for New York in search of the African dream.

The plan was to return home a conquering professor, paying for a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University senger on Wall Street. Welcome songs. He sang his own songs at

A Jamaican friend who offered to produce a record disappeared with the work tapes. An Ivoirian he knew laced his beer with angel dust. Taken to a psychiatric ward, he "flipped out. I didn't know what happened to me. It got to my computer, man, my own people doing these terrible things to me. But I held on. I did not want to become a piece of human waste. You are responsible for your own existence when he's on this earth. I am fatalistic. I be not high." lieve God puts you into situations in order to prove yourself. Like going in the army. New York is the army of civilian life."

When he returned to Abidian, his family put him in another psychiatby working for minimum wage as a nic hospital. He had already flipped out once, he obviously required

help. For one thing, he needed to be "cured" of music. Force-fed tranquilizers for two years, he wrote songs and thought about freedom.

Released, he built a reputation in local chibs. His songs described the "rough handling" he'd received from the police. No Ivoman singer had dared deal with such political subjects before. It became possible to meet him by asking a taxi driver in Abidjan: "Take me to Alpha's house." His album "Jerusalem," recorded in Jamaica in 1986 with Mar-ley's band, The Wailers, brought tother, as his publicity puts it, African punch and Jamaican thun-

"In Africa we sing in many lan-guages," he explained. "And we use traditional African instruments. So the reggae message becomes more universal. I'm a Francophonic African who has taught English. I live in Paris, which is the capital of African music. I travel everywhere. put all that cultural wealth into my music. Today's reggae is for the rainbow generation."

His life has been described as "turbulent," though he looks any-thing but: "That probably comes from a stereotype about somebody who was once called 'insane.' Anyone can have mental problems. It happens. O.K., there's no avoiding it that kind of thing follows are: it, that kind of thing follows you through your lifetime. That's what I think happened to Alpha Blondy. But really, I love him and I do not think he's turbulent at all. At least when he's reasonable - when he's

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# The Thriller as Tract and Allegory

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - In rather less than nine months. Ariel Dorfman's "Death and the Maiden" has progressed from a reading through productions on both Royal Court stages to the West End and now Broadway, where Mike Nichols has it in rehearsal with Glenn Close and Gene Hackman. But as it plays at the Duke of York's, we could perhaps wonder what such success tells us about the play itself and its

On one level, this is simply a literate thriller in the "Sleuth" tradition, coming at a time when there

To a beach house somewhere in Chile come a lawyer in charge of post-Pinochet reforms and a doctor wife instantly recognizes the doctor, or at least his voice, as the one who has raped and tortured her when she was held, blindfolded, through months of imprisonment.

But nothing in "Death and the Maiden" is that simple. We are never even told that we are in Chile, and what's more we are given every reason to believe that the wife may have been driven so far out of her mind by her experiences as to ac-cuse any passing stranger of being her rapist. The doctor is plausible, suave, quite possibly innocent. The

are precious few of those on offer. lawyer is agonized and desperate to tractive doctor are giving the three get his country back toward a liberal democracy without too much retribution or bloodshed for what who has kindly helped him. The has gone before, only problem is that the lawyer's So already the thriller works as

South American political allegory and as feminist tract. Dorfman is not only writing of the mysterious doctor and his guilt or innocence, but of political and sexual guilt far removed from this one case. Yet it reverts in the end to being a thriller; only in the penultimate scene do we get the evidence we need to make a judgment and only in the last scene when all three characters are gathered together in a fashionable opera house do we learn the final and terrible message of Death and the Maiden."

"Death and the Maiden" depends crucially on its playing. Juliet Stevenson as the tortured, vindictive wife, Bill Paterson as her anguished, liberal husband and Michaei Byrne as the seductively at-

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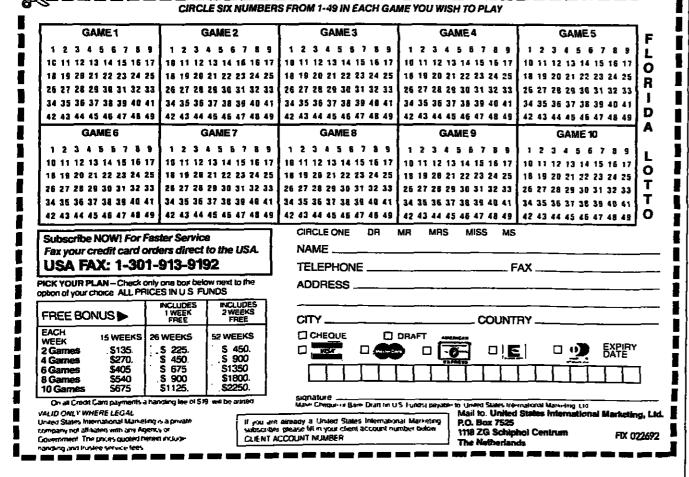
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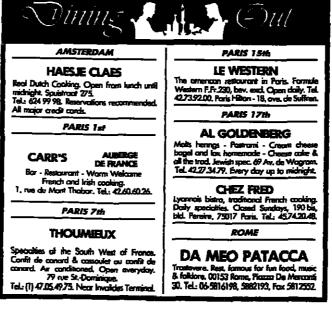
Lindsay Posner's original production retains its cracking sense of tension. In the end, "Death and the Maiden" is a classical fable for our time as well as an expert whodunit, and that quite simply is the secret of its sudden success. That and the fact there are almost no other halfway decent new plays in

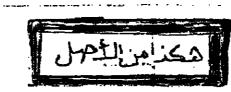
On the musical front, one of the surprise hits of the 1980s was the ongoing West End and Broadway
"Return to the Forbidden Planet," Shakespeare's lost rock musica and the one that amazingly took an Olivier award for best musical away from "Miss Saigon."

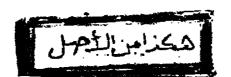
Its creator Bob Carlton has gone back to his trunk to disinter an earlier attempt to rock-musicalize Shakespeare. At the Boulevard in Soho, "From a Jack to a King" is "Macbeth" done over for Graceand, with an Elvis look-alike and the murderous monarch hunself reborn as Thane Cawdor. Begged and borrowed from a 1950s timewarp, this is the "Rocky Shakespeare Show," not so much written as cobbled together on the backs of electric guitars by a team whose rancous show-band energy only occasionally makes up for a desperate

lack of invention or discipline. As more than one corrent and classic move would suggest, "Mac-beth" never really suffers when done over in modern dress, but it would help if someone here had actually read it, or at least worked through the outlines of the plot they were meant to be parodying. instead, chaos comes pretty early in a 90-minute rock concert, and the rest is alas not silence.









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# **MEDIA MARKETS**

# . Can a Tobacco Ad Ban Help EC Smokers Quit?

By Barry James

ARIS — Does tobacco advertising encourage smoking?
The debate is raging in the European Community, where governments have been asked to approve a virtually total ban on tobacco ads and sponsorship. The argument is confused by contrary statistics.

The British see the draft directive proposed by the EC Com-mission as yet another example of bureancratic meddling by

The commission, which says its position is backed by more than 70 percent of Europeans, argues that a ban is necessary. It says well over 400,000 Europeans die prematurely every year

because of diseases related to smoking, and that advertising is an important reason why young people start smok-

The European Parliament carlier this month approved the directive, which will restrict advertising to the point of sale in shops exclusively dedicated to selling tobacco.

advertising. smoking has increased.

In some countries

that have banned

It will also prevent the tobacco industry sponsoring sports and As things stand, the directive will be voted down when it comes before the EC Council of Ministers, probably early in May, because Britain's view is shared by Germany, the Netherlands

and Greece, a major tobacco producer. But a change of government in Britain would swing the vote the other way, since the Labor party is committed to an advertising ban. Without Britain, the other opposing countries would not be

able to block a majority vote at the level of the Council of In any case, few expect the EC Commission to give up on its efforts, even if fails to win a ban this year. Health awareness is in

the air, and advertising for tobacco as well as alcohol products is certain to become more restrictive.

AKE FRANCE. Tough restrictions on tobacco and alco-hol advertising have been in force since the beginning of the year. Whatever the EC ruling, a total ban on tobacco ads comes into effect in France next January.

There is evidence from France's experience in support of the view of advertisers that the main effect of such bans is not to diminish a habit, but to discourage brand switching. The Publicis agency in Paris recently issued a report indicating

that constraints on the advertising of alcohol products was having a bad effect on brand recognition.

Under a law that came into effect early last year, advertisers are not allowed to suggest that alcoholic drinks make the consumer sexier or more glamorous. They are not allowed to make use of show business personalities or sports stars. They cannot aim their appeal at the young.

Many advertisers have reverted to showing a simple picture of the product accompanied by a health warning.

John Ritchie, deputy chairman of Collett, Dickenson, Pearce &

Partners in London, said such restrictions posed a challenge for advertisers to be more creative. "In the old days sexual innuendo was suggested by the man offering the girl a cigarette," he said. Not any longer, he added. People no longer believe it. Advertising codes no longer permit it.

Nevertheless, he said campaigns like the minimalist Silk Cut ads or the surrealist ads for Benson & Hedges could still succeed in persuading people to adopt different brands.

The object of tobacco advertising, Mr. Ritchie said, was not to

turn people on to the weed but either to reinforce their loyalty to a particular brand or to get them to switch brands.

Advertisers say that an advertising ban makes it more difficult for people to do this, favoring brands already on the market.

Italy introduced an advertising ban in 1962 specifically to See SMOKE, Page 14

**CURRENCY RATES** 

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# Poland Devalues Zloty to Lift Exports

WARSAW — In a move to boost exports, Poland devalued the zloty Tuesday by 12 percent against a basket of five Western currencies, the National Bank of Poland

Once the country with Eastern Europe's boldest plan for dismantling the Communist economy, Poland has been struggling in recent months to come up with some mid-course corrections that would retain a measure of austerity but restore popular confidence in the nation's leadership.

The decision on Tuesday reduced the zloty's value against the dollar by 10.46 per-cent. The previous rate of 11,853 to the dollar was increased to 13,238, a rates table published by the central bank showed. The bank said it would continue a crawling peg procedure under which the zloty has been devalued against the basket by about

1.8 percent a month since October. Taking into consideration the rate of inflation and the necessity to support the profitability of foreign trade," Tomasz Uchman, the bank spokesman, said, "the bank decided to increase the value of the basket of currencies by 12 percent."

The basket includes the dollar (45 percent), the Deutsche mark (35 percent), the British pound (10 percent), French franc (5 percent) and Swiss franc (5 percent), a reflection of the currency structure of Polish

In an economic program published last

to stop recession, largely by boosting exports. Poland's industrial output fell by 11.9 percent last year.

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Poland's exports last year fell 1.4 percent after jumping 13.7 percent in 1990. A trade surplus of \$4.5 billion in 1990 was reversed in 1991 to a deficit estimated at \$30 million, while industrial output fell by 11.9 percent.

In its economic program, the government said its main task was to stop recession, largely by boosting exports.

On the brighter side, Poland's inflation rate in 1991 was the lowest in four years — but it

still stood at 60.5 percent. But on Tuesday, President Lech Walesa threw down a challenge to parliament when he renominated a relatively unknown lawyer for the post of central bank chief. Deputies in December had rejected Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, a specialist in banking law from Warsaw University, on the grounds that she lacked banking experience.

The National Bank post has been vacant since August when Grzegorz Wojtowicz was dismissed for alleged negligence in a major

banking scandal. In London, meanwhile, Poland's bank creditors asked the Paris Club of official leaders to relax conditions that could delay a debt reduction deal between the banks and Warsaw, a Dresdner bank official said.

The Paris Club agreed to write off 50 percent of the total \$35 billion owed by Poland but included a clause whereby Poland must get a comparable agreement from commercial bank creditors.
"We have asked the Paris Club to lift the

comparability clause," said Ernst-Moritz Lipp, Dresdner's general manager and chief economist "Until now, we have no positive

Separately, France raised a last-minute hitch over the European Community's asso-ciation accord with Poland on Tuesday, saying Warsaw could not set quotas by manu facturer for the cars it wants to import from

the Community, diplomats said.

The association accord, supposed to come into force on March 1, would allow Poland to import 30,000 cars from the Community

Poland wants this quota shared out equal-ly between Volkswagen AG, Fiat SpA and General Motors Corp., saying this reflected their investment or investment intentions in

"We don't want this share-out," a French diplomat said. France, which won support from other EC members for raising the problem, had no objection to the total but believed the quota should not discriminate by singling out particular makers.

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Mr. Bangemann suggested that the Bundesbank is insisting on a

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"What I cannot accept," he said,

"is that they have the possibility to

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The European Community has dropped plans to remove all non-metric measurements from mer-

chandise after 1999, the British con-

sumer-affairs minister, Edward

Leigh, was quoted by Agence

France-Presse as saying in Brussels.

■ Flexibility on Measures

# Japan Heading Toward Slump, Reports Suggest

TOKYO — Two government reports Tuesday painted a gloomy picture of the Japanese economy slowly grinding to a halt, as two more leading electronics compa-nies, Hitachi Ltd. and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., slashed

their profit forecasts. The Economic Planning Agency left the word "expansion" out of its monthly report on the state of the economy for the first time in over four years, using the term "adjustment" instead and sparking fears

the country is headed for recession. But economists said the situation may be even more serious. "It was a very late reaction from the government as it has been already apparent that Japan's economy is undergoing an adjustment phase," said Kazuya Fukuda, economist at Yasuda Research Institute.

The report noted that a slowdown in plant and equipment investment and weakening production levels as well as slowing domestic demand had put a strain

on the economy.

Unemployment levels, however, remain low while consumer spend-ing has shown signs of growth, the agency said.
The agency released separately

its leading economic index on fu-ture business conditions, which at The EC commissioner said the pace of single market implementa-27.3 percent was under the 50 percent "boom-or-bust" line for the months, particularly in Italy, which 16th month in a row. vaulted from 12th to fifth place

The leading index surveys the condition of 13 economic areas such as money supply and housing

tions in months to come.

Economists said that growing inventories and slowing production might extend the sluggishness into the second half of 1992.

"It will take more time than ex-pected before adjustments in inven-tory and industrial production, which contributed much to the current economic slowdown, are over, said Hiromitsu Sohma, economist at Japan Research Institute.

The reports on the economy as a whole came as two of Japan's top electronics companies cut back their profit forecasts, citing weak global demand due to recession. The cutbacks by Matsushita and Hitachi came less than a week after the leading electronics maker, Sony Corp., said that sluggish consumer demand would force it to post an operating loss for the year, its first

Matsushita lowered its group pretax profit forecast for the year March 31 to 340 billion yen (\$2.63 billion), blaming a slowdown in domestic demand and lingering economic difficulties in Europe and the United States. In November, the company had forecast pretax profit at 463 billion yen, down from 597 billion in the previous financial year.

Hitachi, saying that it was con-tinuing to suffer from a high yea and the worldwide downturn in the computer industry, cut its forecast for parent current profit to 120 billion yen, from an earlier forecast

See JAPAN, Page 13

# Hands Off, EC Official Tells Bundesbank mann's remarks might have reflect-

By Charles Goldsmith

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The official in charge of the European Community's post-1992 single market bluntly told the Bundesbank on Tuesday not to interfere in the high-profile

rogram, Martin Bangemann, the EC internal market commissioner, was reacting to a mention of the program in the German central bank's monthly report, which said the single market's "timely completion" was not assured because member states were "lagging seriously behind" in implementing EC measures into national law.

"The German Bundesbank puts a lot of emphasis on its independence, so I would appreciate it if the Bundesbank did not interfere in the internal market," said Mr. Bangemann, the senior EC commissioner from Germany.

"If somebody is asking for such autonomy and independence, it goes without saying that that insti-tution should have a regard for the

independence of others doing what they are doing," he said at a news conference. Bundesbank officials centerpiece of a report that focused have also repeatedly urged that the on the German economy. There EC's planned European central has been recent irritation in Brusbank be independent of govern-sels, however, over perceptions that

ment authority. the Bundesbank has raised fresh concerns over the treaty leading to

the Community's single market, on a single EC currency by 1999, and

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# Porsche Blinks, CEO Wins

BONN - Porsche AG's owning families backed down Tuesday,

six votes against it and the six worker representatives voting for it.

million) in the 1990-91 financial year.

agreeing to reappoint Arno Bohn as management board chairman

Afterward, Mr. Bohn gave Porsche an ultimatum, saying the company had to decide on his future by Feb. 28 or be would bow out

"A company with sales of 3 billion marks cannot be run as a

when his term expired at the end of the year.

for three years.

The 12-member supervisory board had been unable to agree on the reappointment last week, with the Porsche and Piech families casting

family company," he said over the weekend. Porsche's group net profit dived 70 percent to 17.1 million Deutsche marks (\$10.3

# **Diller Rumors Lift CBS**

NEW YORK — The stock of CBS Inc. rose Tuesday amid speculation that Barry Diller, who has resigned as chief executive of Rupert Murdoch's Fox Inc., would make a bid for it or for NBC, another of the U.S. television networks.

The stock of News Corp. fell, meanwhile, as investors judged that Mr. Diller's departure would hurt Fox, its television and film unit. News Corp. lost \$1 to close at \$25 on the New York Stock Exchange; CBS rose \$4 to \$167.50. NBC is a unit of General Electric Corp. Mr. Diller said Monday that he was leaving Fox in the hope of running his own company, which he would either create or acquire.

# **NatWest's Loan Errors Come Home to Roost**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher
LONDON — National Westminster Bank PLC announced
Tuesday a 78 percent fall in 1991 pretax profit and conceded that lending mistakes in the credit-fi-

nanced boom of the 1980s had con-tributed to its huge bad-debt provi-sions of £1.88 billion (\$3.3 billion). Pretax profit fell to £110 million from £504 million a year earlier, as the effect of Britain's recession and relatively high interest rates forced the group to lift provisions against bad and doubtful debt from £1.15

The annual dividend was held at 17.5 pence a share.

Commenting on the increased provisions, the chairman, Lord Alexander, said the response of the bank and its customers to the climate of the late 1980s had clearly contributed to its problems.

"We shared in the optimism about continued growth that characterized that period and there were undoubtedly some departures from the principles of sound lending," he said.

But there were signs that cost management was taking effect, with trading profit before bad debts up 20 percent to £2.02 billion. "As a result of the action we have taken, operating profits have im-proved significantly half-year on half-year," said the group's chief

deck-clearing operation was an 11 percent increase in income, especially from noninterest sources, with a 7 percent rise in costs.

measures would continue, with 4,000 employees to go this year. NatWest's British network of retail bank branches accounted for the bulk of the increased bad debt last year, £1.2 billion against £500

Over 40 percent of the total involved loans of less than £50,000. reflecting the particularly acute impact of recession and the credit squeeze on the small business sector, to which NatWest is heavily

bank NatWest Bancorp, reported an increased loss of £231 million, after £189 million a year earlier. Analysts said NatWest probably took a charge of £100 million against exposure to the Robert Maxwell family.

to £22 million from £63 million.

offices and restructured its unprof- der said.

Mr. Frost said the cost-cutting million a year earlier.

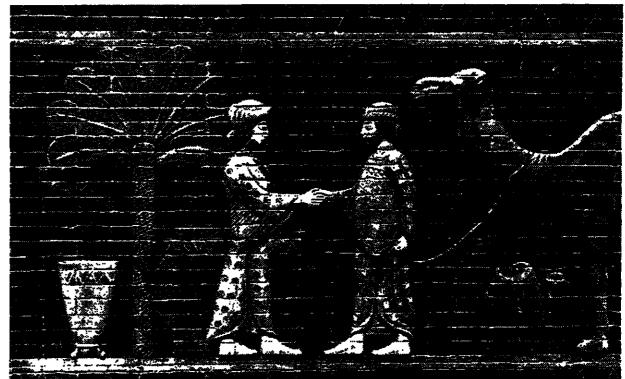
The group's international businesses, mainly NatWest's U.S.

Group treasury and capital markets turned in a strong performance, increasing its contribution to profits by 84 percent, but investment-banking operations remained in loss, although this was narrowed

half-year," said the group's chief executive, Tom Frost.

NatWest shed 6,400 staff last year, closed more than 100 branch dom and the U.S.," Lord Alexan-

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#### For LTV Defense Unit Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches DALLAS - Thomson-CSF, the French military-electronics com-

LTV recently reached agreement on the broad outlines of a settlement with five creditor groups that would end the bankruptcy reorganization that began in 1986. The settlement plan included the proposed sale of the aerospace and missile division for \$355 million to a joint venture formed by Lockheed Corp. and Martin Marieta Corp. A lawyer for one creditor group said Thomson had bid for only the missile unit before LTV selected the Lockheed-Martin Marietta offer for the entire division. A new offer by Thomson and its partner, the

Executives of Carlyle, a Washington-based firm that was formed in 1987 for making investments in military contractors, include Frank Carlucci, the defense secretary in the Reagan administration.

The sale of the LTV missile division to a French company would have to be approved by the Pentagon and other U.S. agencies.

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# Thomson-CSF Battles

pany, is preparing a competing bid with a U.S. investor group for the aerospace and missile division of LTV Corp., according to people close to the LTV bankruptcy negotiations.

Carlyle Group, would be for the entire division, with Thomson seeking the missile-production side and Carlyle LTV's airplane business.

Congressional staff members say Thomson has promised to appoint a blue-ribbon board of outside directors to handle sensitive national-security issues. In addition, Thomson is negotiating with Hughes Aircraft Co. to join in its LTV bid, sources said. (NYT, WP)

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#### MARKET DIARY

# **Dollar Rebounds** After a Tumble

NEW YORK - The dollar ended higher Tuesday after an aboutface at midsession that lifted it certainly got it at 1.6300, 1.630 nearly 3 plennig from its morning and 1.6400."

The early decline was the result of a fall in U.S. consumer confidence to a 17-year low in the Conference Board's February survey. The dollar ended at 1.6575 Deut-

#### sche marks, up from Monday's Foreign Exchange

close of 1.6525 DM and well above Tuesday's trading low of 1.63 DM after the release of the survey.

The U.S. currency gained to 129.85 yeu from 129.15 on Monday, despite renewed fears of cen-tral-bank intervention in favor of the yen. Several dealers said 130 yen was a critical point that could invite action by the Bank of Japan.

The dollar also climbed against the Swiss franc, to 1.5048 from The pound slipped to \$1.7402 from \$1.7465. Basically, the market shrugged

trader at an Asian bank in New had been convinced the dollar was policy.

buying on dips, he added, "an body who wanted to buy on a d

He said the dollar's quick u ward move, which more than re traced a 2-pfennig drop, would re inforce the bullish view for the dollar by making traders extreme! wary of taking short positions. "The market loaded up wi

short positions this morning after the numbers," said Marcos Doue at Commercial Bank of New York But he said buying by big fund and stop-loss orders pushed th dollar higher as shorts wer squeezed out of the market.

Mr. Douer said the dollar's re cent strength had been an interest rate play, and it still looked as i U.S. interest rates were heading higher while rates in Europe and Japan were going to come lower. Andrew Hodge of Bank Brussel

Lambert said the consumer surve 1.4935 on Monday, and against the French franc, to 5.636 from 5.617.

Lambert said the consumer surve was taken quite seriously because attitudes about spending are criti cal for an economy balanced be tween growth and recession. But h off the confidence number, or lack-of-confidence number," said a said the dollar's strength may de-rive more from signs the Bundes bank was not interested in holding York. Noting that many traders the dollar down through monetar

# CONFIDENCE: Drop in U.S.

(Continued from page 1) economy was beginning to turn

"The general view is that the economy will start to quicken some time in the second quarter," Mr. employed, a contraction in the av-Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee. "If that is the case, we

#### N.Y. Stocks

will be coming out with a degree of momentum that will put us on the path for reasonably solid growth." Mr. Greenspan did not specifically say whether he would cut interest rates further, based on Tuesday's report. But he did say, as he has in the past, that if the expected rebound showed signs of faltering. the Fed was prepared to do more to stimulate consumer and business

demand by lowering rates. The Conference Board said nearly half those surveyed felt current business conditions were "bad," and that jobs were "hard to get." Those levels are not significantly different from January.

But looking ahead to the next six months, consumers are much more pessimistic than in January. Fewer respondents now expect business conditions to improve, and more fear conditions will worsen.

More than one-third believe there will be fewer job opportuni-ties in the months ahead. The consumer's prime concern continues to be job security," said Fabian Linexecutive director of the Con-

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## ■ Pessimism Hits Stocks

U.S. stocks fell after the consum er-confidence data, Bloomberg Business News reported.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 24.59 points to 3,257.83, with Aluminum Co. of America, Goodyear Tire & Rubber and Caterpillar leading the decline. The benchmark 30-year U.S. Treasury bond jumped 8/32 to 100.19, pushing its yield down to 7.95 percent.

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GE Plans to Cut Another 2,800 Jobs

EVENDALE, Ohio (AP) — General Electric Co., facing cuts in government military programs and the impact of a stalled economy on the commercial airline industry, plans to cut 2,800 jobs in its jet engine division, the company said Tuesday.

The division announced the cuts as part of a plan to save \$150 million a year. They will affect salaried and hourly employees throughout North American operations, with most of the reductions coming by the middle of the year. The division employs 33,500 people nationwide. GE cut 2,900 jobs in its engine division in 1991.

# Car and Truck Sales Up 4.2 Percent

DETROIT (UPI) - U.S. car and light-truck sales were up a modest 4.2

DETROIT (UPI) — U.S. car and light-truck sales were up a modest 4.2 percent in mid-February, according to industry reports, continuing a trend that began in late January, but Japanese transplants' market share rose to 17.6 percent from 15.1 percent in 1991.

The 10 domestic automakers — General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Honda, Nissan, Toyota, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Subaru and Suzuki, reported car sales of 175,174 for the Feb. 11-20 period, up 4 percent from 168,407 in the year-earlier period. Light-truck sales by GM, Ford; Chrysler, Nissan, Toyota, Mazda and Isuzu totaled 95,279, up 4.5 percent from 91,155 last year. from 91,155 last year.

Car sales for mid-February were up at GM (3.1 percent), Ford (9.2); Honda (26.1), Nissan (23.8), Toyota (79.6) and Subaru (10.5), but were down at Chrysler (by 4.2 percent), Mazda (62.1) and Mitsubishi (13.3).

# Deere Reports \$19.9 Million Loss

MOLINE, Illinois (AP) — Decre & Co. said Tuesday that weak retail demand in North America and overseas had contributed to a \$19.9

demand in North America and overseas had contributed to a \$199 million first-quarter loss. But the result was an improvement over the same quarter in 1991, when Deere posted a \$43.1 million loss.

Deere had revenue of \$1.45 billion in the first quarter, compared with \$1.44 billion in the first quarter of financial 1991.

The Deere chairman, Hans W. Becherer, said sales of agricultural equipment were down worldwide and "efforts to reduce company and dealers' invertodown worldwide and over volumes." Sales of laws and grounds care company and industrial agricultural interests. grounds care equipment and industrial equipment improved. Revenue from financial operations was up 7 percent, to \$278 million.

## IBM Unveils PCs Based on Intel Chip

NEW YORK (Reuters) - International Business Machines Corp. introduced Tuesday two new personal computers powered by an enhanced version of Intel Corp.'s 386SX chip.

IBM said its Personal System/2 Models 56 SLC and 57 SLC, powered by its 386SY C microscopic and the said its 186SY C microscop

by its 386SLC microprocessor, would run popular graphic-based programs up to 88 percent faster than competitors' machines powered by similar chips. The computers, offered in six different configurations, are priced from \$2,980 to \$4,465.

#### Digital Introduces the Alpha Chip ....

SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, Scotland (Renters) — Digital Equipment Corp. on Tuesday introduced its long-awaited Alpha chip very last microprocessor and said it was negotiating with Microsoft Corp. on a

software-development agreement.

The Alpha chip is a 64-bit microprocessor that uses RISC—for reduced instruction-set— architecture, a technology that is rapidly gaining popularity for work stations and other types of very fast systems. The president of Digital Eindepe, Pier Carlo Falotti, declined at a new conference to detail what a limber of Microsoft might involve new technology. hinted that Microsoft might make its new Windows NT operating system available on the Alpha chip.

#### For the Record

L.A. Gear Inc., the Los Angeles-based maker of athletic and leisure footwear, on Tuesday reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$38.3 million, including a \$27.8 million restructuring charge, on sales of \$127.1 million: (UPI)

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# SPACE: Japan Rules Out Aid for European Project

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ability to operate freely in space." Aerospace remains among the weakest of Japan's high-technology industries, largely because U.S. occupying forces after World War II banned companies from the field. Even today, Tokyo needs approval from Washington to launch payloads on Japanese rockets developed largely with U.S. technology.

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- MADRID - Spain cut Tuesday success in cutting inflation." a key interest rate by one-quarter of a percentage point, after what financial analysts described as ting its prime rate by 25 basis strong pressure from British mone-points, to 11.25 percent. tary authorities.

Economists and traders were generally surprised by the move, which reduced the money-market rate to 12.4 percent. They did not think it was justified by Spain's performance in controlling inflation despite a 1.5 percent rise in prices last month

"Inflation this year should give room for a rate cut but now was not the time," said Alejandro Sacz of Tokai International in London. Pressure from the Bank of England was just too strong."

Economists said strains between the peseta and the pound in the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System had become too strong.

"The Spanish authorities would have preferred not to touch the rate, but the peseta has been consistently up against its ERM limit against the pound," said Jaime de Pinies of Chase Manhattan in Madrid.

Economy Minister Carlos Sochaga told reporters that the rate cut was not so much a reflection of internal factors "as the fact that the peseta has been in the higher band of the ERM and we thought we could achieve a more balanced situation with a small reduction in

. He said it could be a continuing trend, "but as I have said many

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A medium-sized Spanish bank, Baninter, quickly reacted by cut-

Economists' initial projections indicate February's consumer price index may not be as bad as expected, despite a probable carry-forward from January's rise in valueadded tax and taxes on tobacco and gasoline. They are forecasting a rise of about 0.6 percent.

Although January's rise in indirect taxes had a limited impact, Mr. De Pinies said the 0.1 percent drop in inflation in February 1991 meant year-on-year inflation would show a surge to 6.6 percent

from 5.9 percent last month.

The problem is we are left with monetary policy alone in 1992 to combat inflation," he said. "And it's not clear if after the spike, the consumer price index will stabilize at over 6 percent or can be brought down to the 5 percent target this year," he added.

Some traders said Tuesday's rate cut could have been simed at helping the Spanish Treasury. "We expect to see a rally soon in the bond market," said Tokai's Saez. Madrid bond dealers said the cut would facilitate financing for the Treasury, which holds a multiple anction for three-, five- and 10-year paper on Thursday.

But most said the move breathing space to the Bank of England to cut base rate and enabled other ERM countries to ad-

# IMF Seeks April Entry For Russia

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Russia and at least half a dozen other former Soviet republics will likely join the International Monetary Fund at the group's spring meeting in Washington on April 27, executives at the Fund and foreign officials say.

The officials said Monday that the Group of Seven nations and the IMF's members — there are 156, including the G-7 — were still debating how big a share of the fund's capital the republics should supply.

These officials said that Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Moldova, plus the three Baltic states, Estonia, Latvia and Lithnania, would likely join the international lending organization. The officials said Russia and the

other republics would probably take a stake of 4 percent to 4.5 percent of the IMF's current capital, which is slightly more than \$120 billion. According to some officials, Russia alone would supply about 2.5 percent.

The Group of Seven agreed to give Russia a board seat and expand the board by one, to 23, Westcan officials said.

Some IMF officials fear their efforts to aid the republics will be thrown off track by delays in in-creasing the Fund's overall capital to \$180 billion, from \$120 billion.

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# Agnellis Are Backed in Court

PARIS - In a potential blow to a Nestlé-led takeover bid, the French government told a commerpurchase of a 13.8 percent stake in Source Perrier by Saint Louis SA.

The court heard arguments in a case brought by Nestle SA, the Swiss foods group that has teamed up with Banque Indosuez of France in a hostile 13.3

billion French franc (\$2.4 billion) bid for Perrier. Nestlé asserts that the Saint Louis purchase Jan. 6 of the shares formerly held in Pernier's treasury con-

tradicted stock exchange regulations. But the government, in a statement, said: "In light of the civil laws applicable in this case, the court should uphold the validity of the sale in question."

The French government has no direct role in the hearings. The government attorney simply expresses the state's opinion in the case.

But if the commercial court decision jibes with the views of the state attorney, it would be a blow to the percent of Exor.

Nestle camp, which would like to dislodge the Agnelli

The commercia family's grip on a large part of Perner's capital. case is part of a three-pronged legal wrangle between Groupe Worms, the principal shareholder of Saint the Agnelli and Nestlé-BSN camps.

Louis, is an ally of the Agnellis, one of Italy's leading

industrial families. One possible complicating factor is a police investicial court Tuesday that it saw no reason to nullify the gation of the Saint Louis purchase. The police financial squad reportedly is investigating allegations of insider trading and forgery.

The Agnellis, through Exor SA, indirectly control 35 percent of Perrier. The addition of the stakes held by allies Saint Louis and Societé Générale bring the Agnellis' effective share to just below 50 percent.

The Agnellis also are under attack from a Nestlé ally, BSN SA, France's leading food group. BSN amounced Friday a hostile bid for Exor in an attempt to encircle the Agnellis and force them to the bargaining table. The goal of BSN and Nestlé is to take over Petrier and divide up its mineral-water assets.

However, the Agnellis received a crucial vote of support Monday from Corinne Metzelopoulos, daughter of Exor's founder, who said a 14 percent Exor stake held by her and her mother would not be tendered in the BSN bid. The Agnellis already have 39

The commercial court may delay a decision, as the

# Unilever Profit Up, but Modestly

LONDON - Unilever announced Tuesday a modest 0.6 percent rise in pretax profit for 1991, when growth was restrained by the

recession in many of its markets. The Anglo-Dutch food, drinks, detergents and personal-products group reported a pretax profit of £1.79 billion (\$3.1 billion) in 1991, after £1.78 billion in 1990. Sales

grew 2 percent, to £23.16 billion. Sir Michael Angus, chairman of the British arm, Unilever PLC, said volume growth in the group's consumer businesses had largely been

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offset by a decline in industrial volumes. He was cautious on the

outlook for 1992. "It is difficult to predict the outlook for 1992 at a time when so many forecasts appear to have been premature," he said in a statement. The pretax profit figure was below analysts' forecasts of between £1.8 billion and £1.84 billion. Unilever shares slipped 14 pence to 954 pence in London.

Operating profit slipped 3 per-cent to £1.998 billion, but strong cash flow led to a reduction of borrowings and interest charges course of the year.

and helped the group's pretax profit edge higher. Sir Michael said that in Europe, consumer food businesses increased sales and profit with a

strong performance from oil- and dairy-based foods and ice cream. Detergents also made a significant contribution.

In North America, business conditions remained difficult, and 1991 operating profit fell short of 1990. However, most businesses, notably the food operations, improved performance through the

• Elf Aquitaine said it had purchased British Petroleum Co.'s refining and marketing operations in West Africa and Tunisia, including 650 service stations in 12 countries, for an undisclosed sum.

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• The European Community extended anti-dumping duties on Japanese photocopiers pending a decision on whether to renew them for five years • SmithKline Beecham PLC reported a 16.5 percent increase in 1997 pretax profit, to £1.002 billion (\$1.754 billion) and proposed to split its A and B shares on a 2-for-1 basis.

• BAT Industries PLC said it was discussing a joint venture with three cigarette factories in Ukraine.

• Norske Shell A/S said it had chosen Moelven Industrier A/S to build a construction camp for a natural-gas processing plant at Kollsnes in West Norway for at least 140 million kroner (\$21.5 million).

Italcement SPA reportedly told the Greek government it was willing to pay more for Heracles General Cement Co. than was hid by National Bank of Greece and Calcestruzzi of Italy, if it could have the same terms given to Calcestruzzi in a secret accord with the state-owned bank,

• Germany's economics minister, Jürgen Möllemann, said he planned to and the government monopoly on job-referral services by the end of 1992. • La Cinq's shareholders have approved in principle a plan for the troubled French TV channel to receive a 700 million franc (\$124.2 million) capital increase; they have three weeks to decide whether to

Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg

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# JAPAN: Heading Into Recession

of 150 billion and from profit of 205 billion yen in the previous financial year.

Amid all the gloom, the minister for International Trade and Industry, Kozo Watanabe, reiterated calls for a further easing of credit. "While production is falling, inventories are increasing and busi-

ness confidence is extremely low, we must further out the discount rate at an early time," he was quoted as telling a cabinet meeting. Mr. Watanabe, noting that the Economic Planning Agency's re-ports included a time lag, also vowed to make additional recommendations once the ministry had

completed a separate survey of the economy. The agency's director general, Takeshi Noda, said he had called on other ministers to work toward

(Continued from first finance page) prompt passage of the government's budget for the year starting

in April. "It is important to take timely

measures based on cool analysis of the situation," he said. "Although the situation does not call for optimism, exaggerating pessimistic views will crode business senti-(UPI, Reuters, AFP)

Grand Met Plans a 2-for-1 Stock Split

LONDON - Grand Metropolitan PLC said Tuesday it was planning a 2-for-1 stock split and expected results in the current first half to be in line with those

The split, to create two shares of 25 pence each par

pard, at the annual general meeting. If the move is approved by stockholders, the new shares would star: trading April 15. Sir Allen also said the company's first-half earnings

"should be in line with last year," without the one-time gain from a sale in the year-earlier period. The comp2value from the current 50-pence units, was announced by the chairman and chief executive, Sir Allen Shepny made a pretax profit of £377 million (\$659.6 mil-

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protect its tobacco monopoly from foreign competitors. The foreign companies have car-cumvented it by sponsoring sports and market-ing nontobacco products, such as clothes, with their names and logos.

But smoking increased in Italy for nearly 20 years, despite the ban. It has declined 5 percent since 1983, when tougher fines were introduced for breaching the ban. Three Nordic countries that introduced tobacco ad bans in the 1970s have all seen increases in smoking — Norway by 5.4 percent, Finland by 17 percent and iceland by 27 percent.

This seems to bear out the argument that the rate of smoking depends not only on advertising, but also on a range of connected factors, ing, bit also on a range of conference including education, the price of cigarettes and legislation to end smoking in public places.

Tobacco ads in Britain are governed by a voluntary agreement between the government

and the tobacco industry, which agrees not to promote its products as healthful, glamorous or success-enhancing. Smoking there has gone down almost 20 percent in the past 10 years, according to the Tobacco Advisory Council, an industry body.

But the government's Health Education Anthority says this figure conceals the fact that smoking has not diminished among young people between 11 and 15 years of age. The authority says it is no coincidence that the four most heavily advertised brands are the four most

popular brands among young people.

The tobacco debate is riddled with other contradictions. Although the EC Commission insists a ban is necessary on health grounds, it

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spends about 1.2 billion European currency units (\$1.48 billion) in subsidies to European producers of raw tobacco, much of which is exported to Eastern Europe and the Third World because it is too heavy in tar to pass EC health standards. The commission is now trying to limit the subsidies, but only by a small

Any reduction in smoking in the Communi-

The EC Commission says advertising is an important reason why young people start smoking, but the industry says ads aim, rather, at brand loyalty.

ty, therefore, would mean the EC having to increase the proportion of the 600,000 ton an-

nual production it exports.

While the EC Commission is proposing an advertising ban on health grounds, the tobacco advertisers have sidestepped that issue and have presented their position purely as a question of freedom of speech.

For all their protestations that a ban would not diminish smoking, the tobacco industry is spending massively on an advertising and lobbying campaign to block the EC directive. EC parliamentarians say they cannot recall such intense pressure on any other issue.

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Advertising agencies and publishers, too, have clubbed together in the European Publishers' Council in an attempt to stop the legislation. They are spending 50 million Ecus on a campaign stressing that ads should be allowed as part of free speech.

The commission argues that tobacco adver-tising is only about 1.6 percent of the total amount of advertising spending in the Community, and that the legislation would have little long-lasting effect on the budgets of newspapers and magazines.

Restrictions on tobacco advertising are tough, and getting tougher, in other EC countries besides France.

Movie advertising is banned or will be banned in all EC countries except Germany, the Netherlands and Spain. Television advertising of tobacco products has been banned throughout the community since October, and radio ads are banned in every member except

Tobacco producers have turned increasingly to indirect advertising and sponsorship of sports and other events — diversifying and promoting their image rather than their products — to work around the restrictions.

The companies also use a form of promotion known as "brand stretching" — the practice of putting brand names on anything from clothes to racing cars. Branded clothing not only pro-vides mobile billboards at little extra cost to the companies, but is also considered an effective way of reaching young people. Mr. Ritchie said brand-stretching would be banned under the EC directive.

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— Lot No. 1, financed by the ABEDA (Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa), includes the acquisition and installation of a 4,000-kVA, 500 rpm, 6-kV diesel-electric unit, the civil engineering works for the extension of the existing machine room, the supply of a stock of spare parts and special tools, the supply and install of all power, control and measurement cables required, the rehabili-tation of certain auxiliary services of the Plant, the installation and acquisition of a cooling water treatment station, the acquisition of cross-country vehicles, machine shop equipment, etc.

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26 May 1992, 12:00 o'dock GMT Tenderers are authorized to present their tender for a single lot.

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# Qantas Likely to Get Domestic Routes

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribuse SINGAPORE — Australia is expected to announce Wednesday an end to a longstanding ban on domestic flights by Qantas, the country's only international carrier, that will make the airline a more attractive target for foreign buyers.

Executives of Qantas, which is to be partly privatized, say that the outcome of bidding for the airline will shape regional aviation alliances over the next decade as North American and European giants vie with Asian carriers for shares of the fast-expanding Asia-Pacific air travel market

Analysts said Tuesday that as part of a program to try to lift the Australian economy out of recession and make it more competitive, Paul Keating, the prime minister, would announce in parliament the lifting of a ban that prevents Qantas from carrying domestic passengers in Australia.

The government may also clear the way for a merger between Qantas and Australian Airlines, a state-owned domestic carrier that operates a nationwide service in competition with Ansett Airlines, which is owned by two of Australia's largest companies.

Under a previously announced policy, the Australian government said it would sell up to 49 percent of Qantas, with foreign carriers allowed to buy a maximum of 35 percent. Analysts said that the government wanted to raise at least 800 million Australian dollars (\$600 million) from the Qantas sale.

Under the Labor government policy, Australian Airlines is to be fully privatized, with foreign buyers permitted to acquire up to 40 percent although no single foreign airline will

#### Fare Wars, Recession Push TNT to a Loss

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SYDNEY - TNT Ltd., citing fare wars in Australia after airline deregulation and the effects of the recession, reported Tuesday a loss of 51.05 million Australian dollars (\$38.70) million) in the six months to December 31.

The result compared with a profit of 26.36 million dollars a year earlier and came despite a slight rise in revenue to 2.46 billion dollars. But the Australia-based transportation group said it expected an improvement

The domestic airlines Ansett Australia and East West, jointly owned by TNT and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., posted combined losses of 43.7 million dollars during the period. Operating profit rose from freight opera-tions in Britam, Canada, Italy, Spain, as well as from TNT's shipping arm, but U.S. profits were flat and Brazilian operations posted a

be permitted to own more than 25 percent. However, no merger or cross-shareholdings between Qantas and Australian domestic car-

(Reuters, AFP)

riers was to be allowed. At an aviation conference in Singapore this week, John Ward, chief executive of Qantas, said that "a key expectation" of Wednesday's parliamentary statement was that the govern-ment would "relax the long-standing restriction on Qantas's participation in the country's substantial domestic market, a move

guaranteed to unfold a range of new opportu-nities for the flag carrier."

The airline will be able, for the first time, to draw domestic Australian travelers into its Asian, Pacific and European network while offering international passengers direct access to major destinations in Australia.

Ivor Ries, an analyst with The Australian Financial Review, said that if Qantas and Australian Airlines merged, they would be "far more attractive to foreign bidders because of the operational synergies — in areas such as maintenance, catering and scheduling -that could be obtained by combining international and domestic operations."

Analysis said that in the first round of foreign bidding for Qantas, before the government let it be known in January that aviation policy was again under review, only two of the more than 10 foreign airlines that initially expressed interest came forward with an offer to acquire a substantial equity stake: Singapore Airlines and British Airways.

Qantas reported an operating loss of 158.8 million dollars on revenue of 3.86 billion dollars in the year to June, 1991. It made a net profit of 44.3 million dollars for the year only after selling some aircraft.

However, if changes in government policy make Qantas a more attractive target, other early players — including Northwest Airlines, Japan Air Lines, and All Nippon Airways — may come back into the game as serious bidders.

Alfred Checchi, principal owner of NWA Inc., Northwest's parent, said in July that the airline was interested in buying up to 35 percent of Qantas.

# **Standard Chartered** In First Interstate Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG — Standard Chartered PLC, the British bank with strong Asian operations, said Tuesday that it planned to buy most of the global banking and trading operations of U.S.-based

First Interstate Bancorp, assets

with a gross value of up to £600 million (\$1.04 billion). No purchase price was given, but a First Interstate spokesman in Los Angeles said it would be "around book value." The bulk of the assets

are in the Asia-Pacific region.

Standard Chartered will acquire the international offices operated in 17 countries by First Interstate Bank Ltd., a subsidiary. They specialize in trade finance, correspon dent banking, global trading and related operations, and employ about 700 people.

For First Interstate, the deal underscores its determination to focus on enhancing its profits as a regional U.S. bank, analysts said. "It is in line with their strategy to emphasize the regional side of the business," said Ray Soifer, an analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman.

A Sutro & Co. analyst, Campbell

within the government.

foreign-exchange market.

Taiwan Partially Lifts Ban

TAIPEI - Taiwan's central bank has partially lifted a ban on flows of

equity investment funds into the island, executives of foreign securities

companies said Tuesday.

The ban, announced in mid-February, sparked a storm of protests from foreign fund managers and ignited a dispute over financial policy

When the ban was announced, there was uncertainty over whether

About \$250 million has been approved by the Finance Ministry but not

Foreign institutions will be allowed to remit money into Taiwan in

small installments of several milion U.S. dollars a day, the executives said. They are required to submit timetables for remittances and space

installments out widely enough to avoid having a major impact on the

remitted. Executives said that the funds now flowing into Taiwan were

from this category, and that new applications were still frozen.

that are involved in the unit," referring to potential trading exposure.

Analysts have said First Inter-state would like to free itself of the First Interstate Ltd. unit, so it can focus on improving profit and possibly prepare for a future merger. The parent holding company had a loss of \$288 million last year, largely due to bad real estate loans in the

western United States. Last Friday, a standatill agreement expired under which First In-terstate's biggest shareholder, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., had been bound to keep its holdings under the 9.65 percent level.

Analysis have speculated that KKR could now force First Interstate into a merger deal.

The branches being acquired by Standard Chartered are in Hong Kong, Manila, Scoul, Singapore, Taipei, Tokyo, London and Los Angeles. There are representative offices in Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Beijing, Jakarta, Lima, Machid, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro, Shanghai and Sydney; and interna-tional offices in Miami and New York. Standard Chartered also will acquire First Interstate Bank of Chaney, said book value was a Canada and its offices in Toronto "reasonable price given the risks and Vancouver. (Reuters, UPI)

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#### **Very briefly:**

Investor's Asia

• Bank Buniputra Malaysia Bhd. has been sued for \$3 billion in California by Sinchir Nominees, a shareholder in the collapsed, Hong Kongbased Carrian Group, on grounds that BBMB colluded with Carrian to buy properties at \$200 million below their market value.

• Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s pretax profit will probably rise by 0.5 percent to 50.5 billion yen (\$394.5 million) in the financial year that ends March 31, a spokesman said, denying a press report that the automaker might suffer a pretax loss.

• Suntory Ltd. said its net profit grew 4.8 percent in calendar 1991 from a year earlier to 5.1 billion yen, and its revenue 4.6 percent to 800 billion yen, with higher sales of food, nonalcoholic beverages, drugs and video

software making up for slipping sales of alcohol. • Nommra Bank International PLC, parent of Nommra Securities Co., has been given an A-1-plus rating on its short-term certificates of deposit by Standard & Poor's Corp.

Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters, NYT.

# Tanaka Named to Head OECD Unit

TOKYO — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has named Nobuo Tanaka of Japan head of its science, technology and industry directorate, the Paris-based group announced Tuesday. Mr. Tanaka is the second Japanese national to be appointed to a top OECD post this year. In January, Kumibaru Shigebara was named chief

economist of the OECD and head of its economic department.

A third Japanese national, Makoto Taniguchi, is deputy secretary general of the organization that groups the world's 24 leading economies.

# New Revelations Dog Tokyo Brokers

"Almost all of the brokerages could be in the red" in

the year ending March 31, said Nozomn Kunishige, analyst at Kleinwort Benson International. "That was before the latest revelations. It could be even worse." The latest dubious deals to surface involve a practice known as tobashi, whereby brokerages shifted securities-investment losses suffered by one client to another firm, typically one with a different financial year. The aim is to prevent a favored client from having to report the loss.

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transferring the loss-generating securities became dif-TOKYO — Japanese brokerages, their profits already slashed by scandals and a stagnant stock market, look set for another blow from revelations of more shady deals, industry analysts said Tuesday.

Intuit, in the wake of processage scandals over improper and illegal compensation last year, securities houses were no longer able to compensate for losses suffered. A revision of the Securities and Exchange Law,

which took effect on Jan. I, banned both giving and

receiving compensation.

Cosmo Securities Co. has agreed to pay the restaurant operator Skylark Co. 36 billion yen (\$279 million) to settle a dispute over a bond transaction that local media characterized as a tobashi deal. The chairman and a vice president of Cosmo, which expects to post a 27 billion yen net loss in the year to March 31, said they would resign over the transaction.

On Tuesday, local media reported that the top If a chient ultimately suffered a loss, brokerages brokerage Daiwa Securities Co. had agreed to pay the usually compensated them for that loss, analysts said. real estate developer Tokyu Land Corp. 3.5 billion yen But when prices slumped, as they did starting in 1990, to settle a suit over a similar deal.

# Daewoo Suspends On Inflow of Equity Funds North Korea Deal

SEOUL - Daewoo Corp. said Tuesday it was suspending its plan for the first joint ventures with

North Korea.
"We have decided this to respond to the government's move," foreign companies that had received permission to bring money into the Taipei market but had not completed the transactions would be allowed a Daewoo spokesman said. Disappointed by the outcome of talks between the North and South Seoul said exchanges would be banned until North Korea allowed inspec-

tion of nuclear facilities. The South Korean government had given Daewoo permission on February 11 to proceed with the joint venture project.

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SAN DIEGO - Italy's II Moro di Venezia proved it can defeat Nippon — with or without

a drifting marker buoy - by beating the Japanese yacht again to conclude the second round of the America's Cup challenger selection series.

Il Moro won by 46 seconds Monday, sailing the 20.03-mile (32.23-kilometer) Pacific Ocean course off Point Loma in 2 hours, 38 minutes, 17 seconds.

Nippon led at the start before the wind shifted to the right and began favoring Il Moro, which passed the Japanese yacht on the first leg of the eight-leg course and never trailed afterward. The victory gave Il Moro 29

points, moving the Italians into second place in the challenger trials. Nippon dropped to third with 26 points; New Zealand leads the series with 34.

Monday's rematch resulted when Sunday's race, won by Il Moro, was declared invalid by the race jury. Nippon skipper Chris Dickson had contended that the race should be sailed again because a drifting marker buoy ear-ly in the match had "materially prejudiced" his chances of win-ning.



Nippon, right, battled II Moro di Venezia bow to bow around the second mark but lost the challengers' rematch by 46 seconds.

The buoy cost the Japanese from 8 to 16 seconds, the jury ruled. Nippon lost by 11 seconds. The teams were given the alternative of accepting two points each or re-sailing the race.

"We were happy to go back out today and have another go," said Nippon tactician John Cutler. like Dickson a New Zealander. "It's probably the best training we're ever going to get."

Monday's race was delayed for one day earlier than first sched-30 minutes due to light, variable uled. Victories then will be worth winds. It was sailed in a 5- to 6-

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eight points each compared to four points in the second round and one in the first round.

The third round of the defendlenger series is to begin March 7, er series is to resume March 3.

# New Zealand Defeats Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka struggled to 206 for nine in

its allocated 50 overs and New Zealand was Tuesday's only match. made 210 for four in response with 10 balls to spare. Ken Rutherford was the architect of

the victory with an unbeaten 65. New Zealand built on an opening fessed concern.

stand of 77 between veteran John Wright, who made 57, and Rod Latham.

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2-0 record, following its defeat of deleading champion and co-host Austra-international 22 years ago, when South Africa wrapped up a 4-0 test series A hard-fought 80 from opener Ro-shan Mahanama was the only bright abeth, spot for Sri Lanka, which fell to 1-1. No

The Associated Press

The New Zealanders were written
BRISBANE, Australia — New Zealanders off after a 3-0 series loss to England day's match was expected to draw a sellout crowd of 45,000.

Cup standings Tuesday with a solid six—need to win only three of their remain—The South African captain, Kepler wicket victory over Sri Lanka in Hamil- ing six matches to be virtually assured of clinching a semifinal spot. The New Zealand-Sri Lanka contest

South Africa, the only team to have not played a match, will begin its cup take on England. campaign Wednesday against Australia in Sydney, and the Australians pro-

The teams last met in an official sweep with a home victory in Port Eliz-

The South African captain, Kepler Wessels, said he expected Australia to be "angry and aggressive" after its loss to New Zealand

Pakistan will play Zimbabwe on Thursday, when the West Indies will Brian Lara, the opening batsman, is set to return for the West Indies after

recovering from a bruised right toe. "I can move on to my front foot, and it's not affecting my shots at all," Lara said. "It was a bit sore for a day or two. but it's fine now."

India is inactive until Friday, when it plays Sri Lanka, but all-rounder Ravi Shastri is a doubtful starter with a foot

weep with a home victory in Port Eliz-beth. The nine-nation championship con-No South African team has toured tinnes through March 25.

## Breakaway Soccer Groups Get Provisional FIFA Recognition

The Associated Press

ZURICH — FIFA, the world governing body of soccer, said Tuesday it was extending provisional recognition to breakaway soccer associations in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

A FIFA statement said the provisional approval will protect the rights of players from the former Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia and the former Soviet epublics of Georgia and Ukraine.

It also said the Association of the Commonwealth of Independent States will be considered the successor to the former Soviet Football Federation until further notice. The CIS association will handle the affairs the other former Soviet republics, including international transfers

of players from Belarus, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. FIFA said it will be up to its members to give the associations permanent status when FIFA holds its congress in Zurich on July 2-3.

The provisional recognition enables the associations to begin drawing up internal transfer regulations and arrange transfers with other associations, FIFA said.

# Growing Hope for the U.S.: A Good View From the Top

ONDON — Alan I. Rothenberg, the Californian lawyer charged with delivering the next soccer World Cup in the United States, is now confident

enough to come to our territory and tell us how it will be in 1994. Given suspicions that Americans, to make a buck,

would try to jazz up the game, Rothenberg's chosen meeting place seemed appropriate. His London law partners occupy offices nine floors up in the City.

Over Rothenberg's shoulder, I could see St. Paul's Cathedral, a classical architectural defiance to glass

and concrete. And in his eyes, the shape of the World Cup he is sculpting. Rob Hughes

Rumors aboun that the United States cannot meet its obligations. It is carelessly suggested that Argentina, of all bankrupt soccer places, is on standby. In truth, the United States is slow in tying up television and sponsorship deals, but Rothenberg is as far from panic as Argentinia. na is from Germany, the real reserve in the remote

No lawyer, of course, presents a worst case scenario. Rothenberg insists that not one sponsor has pulled out because of the recession, though "it might take more time, six months instead of one, to say yes."

But why has Anheuser-Busch, having for years

promoted its Budweiser beer at World Cups, not backed the 1994 homecoming? Rothenberg smiled at

so specific a question. "Budweiser," he said, "has branding problems to sort out in Europe. It is not certain one way or the other, but Budweiser will be on board either as a main

sponsor or a marketing partner."

America has adopted the format of sponsors, official suppliers and logo advertisers that Italy's Luca di Montezemolo forced on FIFA's previously monopolistic marketing agent ISL. But Rothenberg's chal-lenge is almost opposite to Montezemolo's. The Ital-ian began with no infrastructure and a nation of soccer fanatics. The American proved his administrative flair at the 1984 Olympics, he has expertise in communications, but soccer is a relative stranger.

Montezemolo became a lonely man trying to devise a fair distribution of tickets in a land where people would steal for them; Rothenberg must drum up enthusiasm, drawing on ethnic links to soccer, on the claimed participation of 16 million mainly juvenile players and on the American curiosity that turns into supportive gusto for the big event.

But Montezemolo and Rothenberg, lawyers both,

also have in common that they are missionaries in their own nations. The Italian worked a miracle to build stadiums on shifting sands of ungovernable local and national politics. The American has too many stadiums (albeit none designed for soccer) but must turn to myth the notion that soccer is not American. R OTHENBERG himself is growing to love our game for what it is. Between a fleeting meeting in Munich two months ago and his arrival in London for the England versus France match last week, he briefed himself impressively on the reasons why Europeans in general, Englishmen in particular, so resist change. More's the pity that Rothenberg allowed his hour to seal him off in a glass executive suite at Wembley. He came 9,000 miles to mass the raw passion play

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between performers and crowd.

Meanwhile, his pressing task concerns television that even more remote key-hole through which most

money is made and most people view sport.

World rights were established by FIFA, but U.S. rights remain unsold. "We will have 52 matches friend TV in the United States," asserted Rothenberg. The or 12 will go out on network, the rest on cable at the capital states."

channels. "CBS, ABC, ESPN and Turner are talking, and there is still a possibility of NBC. The deal will be completed within 60 days, once everyone is back from

The possibility remains that the U.S. Soccer Federation, together with Time-Warner, will brying sirting to broadcast games. But European directors will control the quality of coverage, and Rothenberg patenties no commercial breaks during play.

"If I were a sponsor I wouldn't want a 15-second commercial bundled in," he said, "I'd rather part or and message across the bottom, or a time clock with

my name on it. Trying to squeeze in a commercial is indiculous — with multi-channels and remote coming. Americans would bounce around the channels, go to

the bathroom or the refrigerator."

If E DISMISSED FIFA president João Havelange's idea of dividing games into quarters. "Tondon't create a game for TV," Rothenberg said, "you
have to get the spectators excited, and TV will follow.

"I could make an argument for four quarters but it
has nothing to do with TV. The coaches could make
more adjustments, and players wouldn't have no page
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Thankfully, Rothenberg is not advocating this for 1994, though he hopes FIFA will let the United States experiment in the professional league he plans for 1995. And rather than penalties, he prefers the old 35-yard "shootout" of the North American Society eague, in which a player runs with the ball and the goalkeeper can advance to oppose him.
"I don't want to sound like a radical," Rotheribe

said, "but soccer should not be inviolate. Basketball has come a long way in 10 to 20 years by introducing a time clock and the 3-point shot to get more drama."

Rothenberg would give points for goals, but denied that Americans are goal junkies. "The last baseball World Series finished in October with a nothingnothing game between the Atlanta Braves and Minne-sota Twins. It was enthralling and nerve racking it held 89.9 million rivetted to their sets, and nobody was apologizing for nothing, nothing," he said.

Finally, he believes the U.S. media now has a more

worldly appreciation of sport, "a generational change Twenty years ago, reporters were a cigar-chomping breed reared on baseball or basketball. They didn't want to know soccer. Now you have writers on the international beat, and younger writers coming through who have played soccer or have kids playing. That's a measurable difference. So is the one at the top. Now the leader is less likely

to score own-goals against the game itself. Rob Hughes is on the staff of the Sunday Times.

# **BOOKS**

#### **HEAVEN ON EARTH:** Dispatches From America's Spiritual Frontier

By Michael D'Antonio. 416 pages. \$20. Crown, 201 East 50th Street, "New York, N.Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Constance Casey

THE children of the '60s are getting to the age when they need the comfort of religion. They want relief from pain and confusion, and they wouldn't mind at all a firm promise that an afterlife exists.

In "Heaven on Earth," Michael D'An-tonio, Newsday's Pulitzer-winning reli-gion reporter, takes a look at the collection of freelance enterprises that make up New Age spirituality. About 15 million mostly educated and well-off Americans find Born Again Christianity too tacky, Protestantism and Judaism too suburban and Catholicism too papal. In New Age spirituality, institutes and seminars take the place of churches, healing spas stand in for Lourdes, and the life story that really matters isn't that of Buddha or Jesus or Mohammed, but your own.

The New Age influence is spreading: most of us are already convinced of the calming effect of meditation, and many believe in the influence of the mind on the body's immune responses.

A sort of Paul Theroux of the spiritual world, D'Antonio spent a year traveling to New Age centers. He goes on the \$50

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tour of the vortices of Sedona, Arizona. but fails to have a vision. He sits in on The Hayride, a session with Los Angeles New Age minister Louise Hay, who leads people with AIDS in singing, "I love myself just the way I am." He spends four 10-hour days (a \$600 package) with Jach Pursel, the medium for Lazaris, a

Scottish-accented spirit guide.
The New Age mecca where D'Antonio felt most uncomfortable was Iowa's Maharishi International University, founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. MIU was, and still is, seeking \$1 billion to support 7,000 meditators who could create "a very big wave of convergence" and thereby guarantee world peace. For the first time, the admirably tolerant D'Antonio has found people he believes to be truly deluded, and he hates the control the Maharishi exerts over his followers. D'Antonio is most comfortable play-

ing mystic baseball at Camp Omega in New York with Bill (Space Man) Lee, a former Boston Red Sox pitcher turned spiritual guide. By imagining that noth-ing else exists but baseball, D'Antonio and his fellow campers find healing and transformation. Though D'Antonio intends to be more

money doing it). Some New Age spiritual leaders also

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unwilling to have it." D'Antonio isn't shy about calling such beliefs "repellent."

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New Age preachers argue that the indiwiduel has control over everything I amakes life and death, meaningful vidual has control over everything. La-zaris, for example, believes that hungry D'Antonio is the right person for the zaris, for example, believes that hungry D'Antonio is the right person for the people have no food "because they are religion beat; he believes in belief.

Constance Casey, a freelance critic in

# BEST SELLERS

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inquiring than challenging, he reveals that some New Age groups are beset with the same flaws that haunt the old religions. Particularly stubborn is the irresistible need of spiritual leaders to manipulate other people (accompanied by the tremendous temptation to make

The New York Times
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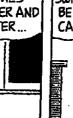
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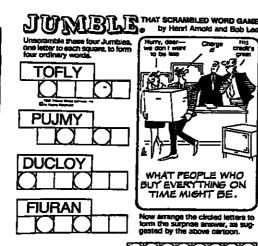




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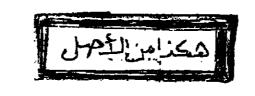


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ated as before for brilliant victories, but we are also liked now for But however they phrased it, the streak of sadness was always there. "I don't regret what happened, I accept that this is better for our sport, but when I see our athletes under that Olympic flag I feel like an orphan," said a former Soviet sportswriter. "You have to remember that in 1980, at the Moscow

Games, that was the flag they used

for athletes whose countries were

boycotting the Games." Besides, whatever else their countymen thought of the old SCOREBOARD "CCCP" emblazoned on their uniforms, the Soviet Olympians were always heroes, youths whose achievements in global competi-tions seemed to glow against the grayness of Soviet life and the dull-

ness of the official ideology.

Even hardened dissidents remembered the twinge of pride when Soviet athletes mounted the victor's pedestal, and many a Westemer learned to hum the Soviet anthem from the victory ceremo-

Now, wrote Petrov, "our heroes stand on the pedestal and listen to the Olympic hymn, but undoubtedly cats are scratching their souls.
"No, no, I am certainly not calling on athletes to dedicate their victory to the Communist Party, to Leonid Kravchuk or Boris Yeltsin," he added. "I'm talking of something else. About traditions, about our pride, our honor, if you belies

Whatever it was, it reflected the broader loss of identity and the confusion that has seized much of the old Soviet land since it became an amorphous and tentative Commonwealth of Independent States.

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Only the dichards longed for the red flags, the military machine and the propaganda, but to watch a mighty nation disintegrate was still somehow sad. The people who made it, after all, were "nashy."

# SPORTS PRIDE AND PAIN In Moscow, Ito Welcomed Home Games Left By Rueful Japanese The Land Company of the Company of

New York Times Service TOKYO - Midori Ito returned

By Serge Schmemann

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But for Russia's sports fans,

commentators and reporters, there

was still something intrinsically sad

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However you looked on the past,

or the present, something was miss-

"You'll agree that we experience ambivalent feelings during these Olympic Games in Albertville,"

Andrei Petrov wrote in Izvestia.

"Somehow the tongue just can't seem to turn to call the Olympians

Unified Team of the CIS,' as the official protocol requires."

That was the tag agreed on by the International Olympic Com-mittee after the Soviet Union crum-

bled into the Commonwealth of

Independent States in December.

Athletes from participating Com-monwealth states — Russia,

Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and

Uzbekistan - competed under the

Olympic flag and received medals to the Olympic hymn. But virtually from the outset of

the competition, without any evident collusion or discussion, fans

and announcers started referring to

their team simply as "nashy," or

To be sure Soviet announcers had favored "nashy" in the old

days. But then it had a combative

edge, "us against them." Now it had a defensive, rallying ring: "Whether Lyudmila Egorova from

Saint Petersburg, Viktor Petrenko

from Odessa or Vladimir Smirnov

from Kazakhstan, for now they real-

ly are all — ours," wrote Mr. Petrov.

For the most part, the samess was hardly nostalgia. On the con-trary, Izwestia echoed what many

Muscovites noted with pride dur-

ing the extensive daily telecasts of

"On the whole, the attitude among

"Before, the Soviet team used to

provoke admiration, but at the same

time it seemed to be a mighty and

soulless machine, whose screws were

called on to submissively serve the

Albertville, Kovalenko wrote,

glory of the Land of the Soviets."

was the first "deideologized"

Games. "Today we've become the

same as the others, and we attract

cem." he went on "We are appreci-

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competitors and spectators toward the CIS team at the Games changed,"

wrote Izvestia's Yuri Kovalenko.

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home Tuesday from the Olympics and was accorded a heroine's wel-MOSCOW -- Most were proud that their team was no longer com-peting as a heavily subsidized tool of Communist propaganda, that come that made it seem as if she had won the gold medal in figure skating instead of the silver. the medal count was no longer an

But there was also some soulsearching over whether the enormous pressure of the news coverage had caused the 22-year-old star, renowned for her spectacular jumping, to cramble in the wombertville performing without a flag. en's original figure skating program last week.

Ito's fail dashed Japanese hopes for a gold medal in the women's figure skating event, but it also presented Ito with a new challenge to overcome adversity and finish by showing perseverance and poise. Japanese fans showed that they clearly thought she did just that.

"The Olympics are exceptional, and every player can be defeated by the pressure," said Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, president of the Scibu railroad and hotel organization and

The daily newspaper Tokyo, noting Ito's apology for falling on her triple axel, said that "told us that the pressure on her was heavy."

head of the Japanese delegation."Her efforts were rewarded. It is difficult to win by effort alone.

She had something more."

No other member of the team has received such adulation - not even the three men in the Nordic combined team event. Kenji Ogiwara, Takanori Kono and Reichi Mikata, fired the public's imagination, even though they won Japan's first gold medal in the Winter Olympics in 20 years.

Many people commented that Ito's shy demeanor had made Japan proud. Her apology to her country after the fall last week may have seemed odd to other sports fans, but it was treated in Japan as precisely the kind of gesture that would be expected.

One novel feature of the press

attention to the games was the al-most total lack of recognition, at least explicitly, of the Japanese ori-gins of the gold medal figure skater, Kristi Yamaguchi, a third generaspeaks no Japanese.

Yamaguchi's ancestry was not discussed. There were no attempts to find any family here, or to trace her roots. Her name was even spelled, not in Japanese characters. but in the separate phonetic alpha-bet known as katakana, reserved

for foreign names and words. The attention was focused on Ito, who arrived at Narita Airport and was surrounded by mobs handing her flowers and by shouting journalists and cameramen. The

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and trailed her into the street.

They asked how she felt being able to do her triple axel jump to win the medal. "Very happy," she said. What did she want to eat now that she was home? "Something delicious — like rushi," she replied. When did she plan to marry? "I don't even have a fiancé right now." she said.

On television, her final performances, including the successful triple axel, were shown again and again. Some shows turned themives over to the "Midori Ito Story," and to what one cance me "Seventeen Years of Love and Tears" under the tutelage of Machiko Yamada.

The program showed clips of Ito as a 10-year-old girl learning to compete. Yamada, the coach, reminisced about her rebellions adolescence and how she adopted a fiercely competitive attitude later. Ito's mother, Chikako, recalled how she "jumped for joy" when her daughter won the silver medal.

The mestion everyone wanted to ask was why Ito fell and failed to get the gold medal, and Ito again showed that she was quite aware of

the expectations. "People around me expected me to have a chance for the gold medal, but I made a mistake in the original program," she said politely to reporters. "I fell behind at first. But even though I couldn't win a gold medal as everyone expected, I did my best."

Some newspaper, greeting her arrival, reflected misgivings over the pressure they had put on Ito to win the top prize. "Midori Ito, hoping to win a

gold medal, fell down and said she was sorry," said the Mainichi newspaper, a major daily. "It seems our enormous enthusiasm led to her painful apology. Japanese audiences should learn to view her as an individual and not as a representative of all Japan."

giveness for not succeeding at the riple axel. "Those speeches told us that the pressure on her was

Generally, the Japanese press has praised the Olympians for winning seven medals, equal to the total that Japanese athletes have won in all previous winter games combined, and the best record since Japanese athletes won three medais at Sapporo in 1972.

"It was a shocking success," said Wahei Tsuchiya, director-general of the Japan Olympic Committee. The other silver medalist was Toshiyuki Kuroiwa, 500-meter speed skater.

The bronze medalists were Juni-

chi Inoue, 500-meter speed skater, Yukinori Miyabe, 1,000-meter speed skater; Seiko Hashimoto, women's 1,500-meter skater; and a team of four men in the short track skating relay: Ynichi Akasaka, Ki-shin Kawai, Tsutomu Kawasaki and Tatsuyoshi Ishihara. Unlike Ito, Ishihara was a shade

more boastful to Japanese reporters, telling them at the sirport: "Nobody even listed us as possible medalists, so I tried harder," he said.

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Dave Smith, a relief pitcher for the Chicago Cubs, faced his first trying moment of spring training when a sharp grounder was hit back to him during practice at the team's camp in Mesa, Arizona.

# Yankee Official **Informs Vincent They Can Meet**

By Murray Chass New York Times Service -

NEW YORK - Beating the deadline by 20 minutes, the man designated as the New York Yankees' managing partner has re-versed his position and informed Commissioner Fay Vincent that he session recorded by a court stenog-

Daniel McCarthy's decision, however, did not assure him of having a meeting, and his status still appeared to be in jeopardy.

This is not the way to do business," Vincent said Monday. "I'm not terribly pleased about this. I'm going to think about it overnight."

Vincent, who was angered Friday when McCarthy failed to show up for a meeting, set a 5 P.M. Monday deadline for him to explain why Vincent should not elimmate him as a candidate for managing pariner.

A letter sent by McCarthy's law office in Cleveland arrived by fax at about 20 minutes before 5, although the Yankees had announced McCarthy's decision more than an hour and a half earli-

Vincent had left his office by the time the letter arrived. "I'll read the letter tomorrow Vincent said. "I won't have a deci-

sion until tomorrow." Asked what his options were, Vincent said he could decide to meet with McCarthy or decide not to meet with him.

If he decides a meeting is not

thy's chances of being the man in charge of the Yankees.

In addition to Vincent, McCarthy must be approved by the baseball ownership committee and then by a vote of baseball owners.

If the commissioner decides to have a meeting, it would take place later this week or early next week. Vincent is scheduled to leave next Wednesday for Chicago, where the owners will hold their quarterly

"The meeting would be before the owners' meeting if possible," Vincent said. "I think we've had enough of this."

The two men initially met Jan. 15, but Vincent was not satisfied with the the session and told McCarthy he would have to return for a second meeting A lawver who did not attend the

meeting but was briefed on it by the McCarthy side related one incident from the meeting. Vincent, the lawyer said, began asking McCarthy a series of ques-

the barrage. "What is this, a criminal trial?" the Yankees' limited partner was quoted as saying to the commis-sioner. Then McCarthy added pointedly, "I don't work for you."

tions. McCarthy did not appreciate

Because of the tenor of such comments, Vincent said the second meeting would include a court stenographer. That meeting, scheduled for Friday, was not held be-cause McCarthy, objecting to the stenographer, did not show up. Mc-Carthy has not returned calls seek-

ing comment.

Friday did not advance his cause," Vincent said Monday. "I don't know why he objected to having his remarks taken down accu-

Some members of the Yankees' organization have questioned whether McCarthy really wants to be the managing partner. They feel he agreed to the designation, be-lieving that George Steinbrenner would soon return to the role.

Steinbrenner, however, isn't coming back quickly. The commissioner has said almost daily that he will not consider an application for reinstatement until Leonard Kleinman's lawsuit against the commissioner is withdrawn. Kleinman was dismissed Friday as the Yankees' its first 40 free throws, went 6-for-6 chief operating officer because he did not drop the lawsuit, as direct-

Since then, Steinbrenner and his lawyers have taken the position that Steinbrenner has done every-The Redmen (17-7, 11-5) have thing he could to have the lawsuit dropped, that the matter was now beyond his control and that he should be reinstated anyway.

But Vincent and his lawyers have rebuffed the effort, explaining that 76: In New Orleans, Bobby Rnsplay in regulation on a rebound
sell's 3-point shot with 10 seconds
to play spurred South Florida's
road upset.

Steinbrenner was instrumental in
instigating Kleinman's suit and
then keeping it going by paying
Kleinman's legal fees.

# 'World' Is Picked Another daily, the Tokyo newspaper, noted how she asked for-

Reuters
WELLINGTON, -- Three South Africans and a Japanese have been selected to play for a World team in three rugby union test matches against New Zealand in April.

The side, captained by Austrahan scrumhalf Nick Farr-Jones, will play the All Blacks on April 18, 22 and 25 to mark the New Zealand Rugby Football Union's centenary. Fullbacks: Gavin Hastinga (Scotland), Andre Joubert (South Africa).

Andre Joubert (South Africa).
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MIDWEST

# Pauley Excels in a Kansas Waltz, Oklahoma'd Sooner Be Elsewhere Russell had missed a 3-pointer

The Associated Press It was Eric Pauley's night. The 6-foot-10 (2.08-meter) Kansas junior had 23 points and 12 rebounds, both career highs.

And he drew Bryan Sallier, Oklahoma's powerfully built center who scored 29 against Kansas (21-3, 9-2) earlier in the year. But this time, Sallier got scored

just one point as the third-ranked Jayhawks staged a second-half burst that carried them to an 84-65

Oklahoma (17-7, 5-6) pulled to within 52-50 on a basket by Damon Patterson, but then Pauley, working inside, hit a bucket and Adonis Jordan, 5-foot-11 point guard, drilled a 3-pointer to put the Jay-hawks on a 17-4 run and in control.

"I thought everybody really just looked for me tonight on offense," Pauley said. "They gave me good passes, and when I get good passes I just try to produce off of them. The offense wasn't geared toward

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me. The offensive plays are all the same. If you're open, you'll get the that would have won in regulation ball, and when you get the ball when the Metro Conference teams vou'd better score." Kansas had a 29-23 halftime

lead, and then quickly went up by 38-26. But Brent Price scored points in a 9-0 run that sliced the deficit to 38-35 at 16:00.

Pauley's inside game and Jordan's outside shots quickly put COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ry Evans hit two 3-pointers and added a 12-footer that, with 12:15 remaining, put the Sooners on top, 46-45.

From then on, though, it was all Kansas — especially all Pauley and Jordan. The latter finished with 22 points.

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met Feb. 6 in Tampa, Florida: Tulane went on to win that night, 78-70, in overtime.

This time Russell's shot broke a 76-76 tie, and Radenko Dobras then hit two free throws with four seconds left.

No. 20 St. John's 72, Providence 68: St. John's, which missed 16 of in the final 2:55 of overtime on the Kansas on top 45-38, but then Ter- road to win its seventh straight ed by the team's partners. game and move into a virtual firstplace tie with Georgetown in the Big East.

two conference games remaining both at home — against George-town and Seton Hall.

Providence (13-15, 5-11) tied the score at 62 with three seconds to

# SIDELINES

## IAAF Accepts Croatia and Slovenia

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Amateur Athletic Federation, track and field's international governing body, gave Croatia and Slovenia provisional membership Tuesday, allowing their athletes to enter this weekend's European Indoor Championship in Genoa under their own flags.

The move also fulfilled one of the International Olympic Committee's conditions attached to its earlier recognition of the two breakaway Yugoslav republics — that five international sports bodies swiftly accept

their independence. The IAAF chief of staff, Enrico Jacomini, said Croatia is expected to send four athletes to Genoa and Slovenia three to five.

#### Olson and Patriots Reach Settlement BOSTON (AP) -- Lisa Olson has reached an out-of-court settlement in

her sexual harassment case in which she alleged players for the National Football League's New England Patriots taunted her in the locker room. The settlement came about a week before the lawsuit was scheduled for trial. Terms of the agreement were not released, but The Boston Herald, where Olson worked as a reporter at the time of the incident, quoted sources as saying the award ranged from \$250,000 to more than \$700,000.

#### For the Record

In Rush, the Liverpool striker, is expected to undergo his third knee operation of the season after suffering a training injury on Monday. (AP)

Alaia Prost of France, the three-time world champion, ruled out Tuesday driving in this weekend's season-opening Formula One race in South Africa; he said negotiations to join the Ligier-Renault team emained in limbo.

Evander Holyfield, the heavyweight champion, agreed as expected Monday to make his next title defense against Larry Holmes, 42. (NYT) Steve Yoder, who has only one winning season in a decade as Wisconsin's basketball coach, said Monday he's quitting after this season because the school won't renew his contract.

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#### POSTCARD

# Love and Un-Love Notes

By Edward Cody

Washington Part Service
| EXICO CITY — People M have been coming for years to the public scribes of the Santo Domingo colonnade with the stuff of their lives - love, disillusion-

ment, longing and commerce.

In times gone by, the scribes brought out sharpened quills and ink to record the sentiments of Mexico City's timid, illiterate or harried. More recently, they set up typewriters. Although the tools have changed, the scribes still reduce the dramas of life to paper with style and compassion for those unable to put their feelings into writing.

Since the 1850s, about 25 scribes have been sheltered under a colonnade near Santo Domingo Church, across a little plaza from a customs building that dates from 1731. Hipolito Ortiz Acuna, who has

practiced the trade for half his 50 years, said business is flourishing but is not what it used to be. The education level has risen in Mexico. meaning many lovers, transplanted children or businessmen can write their own missives. In addition, the telephone has opened the possibility of direct commu

These days, it is only people from the provinces who have to get love letters written." Ortiz said. "But there are love letters and there are un-love letters. Sometimes they want letters on love, for an engagement or something. Others come for some rancor, some misunderstanding. I call these un-love letters."

To speed things along, Ortiz has drafted models. The love letter has a pair of doves in the upper left corner with "our" written on one dove and "love" written on the other. "My love," it begins, and goes on to describe the eternal passion. felt by the would-be writer, ending with a verse: "My eyes cry to see you, my heart to speak to you, my mouth to give you a kiss and my

The un-love model has a heart pierced by an arrow on the same spot, inscribed with "you and I." It begins, "Ingrate love," and goes on

to regret an affair gone awry. The models used to be especially useful on Valentine's Day, when more than the usual number of wordless lovers showed up. Ortiz said. But he wrote fewer than 20 letters last Valentine's Day, mostly for homesick country folk now liv-

ing in the capital.
The boy comes from somewhere like Oaxaca in southern Mexicol, you understand, and he leaves behind his girlfriend and his family," Ortiz explained. "So he wants to write to her, to maintain the communication.

With telephone service reaching most of Mexico, the scribes these days ply their craft most often for men who need contract proposals or letters drafted and typed on the spot. Print shops have sprung up nearby to take orders for business cards and stationery. Even businessmen who have their offices and secretaries sometimes come by if they need a quick letter for nearby government offices.

Marco Antonio Larara stopped to seek Ortiz's services the other day because he needed an application to import Spanish wine for a gourmet exhibition that his restaurant-supply company planned to sponsor. Lar-ara said his office is 10 miles (16 kilometers) away through Mexico City's impenetrable traffic, while the customs offices are nearby.

Illiterate Mexico City residents still come by to get help filling out government forms or writing peti-tions to officials in nearby ministries. Others stop on the way north to sneak into the United States, to have notes sent back to their fam-

ilies saying all is well so far. Teople sometimes come here weeping, people who suffer a lot because of some family problem."
Ortiz said. "We provide a social service to the public

José-Edith Gonzalez, 55, who has been at his desk under the colonnade for 27 years, said each case is different. Asked last week to write a special Valentine's Day letter, he stretched his fingers, put a new ribbon in his typewriter and for the equivalent of \$1.30 tapped

"Love in general is something sublime, a gift that God gave us with his example, a sacred virtue thanks to which the vicissitudes of our existence do not matter, which brings us close to human beings. Love permits us to understand our neighbors, teaches us to forgive. But the love you inspire in me is something singular. It is my luck, my unperishing happiness. For that reason, on this day of love, I sincerely ask God to take care of you and protect you for my happiness."

# In Ukraine, a Lonely Guardian of Yiddish

By Henry Kamm New York Times Service

HERNOVISY, Ukraine — "I'm the Last of the Mohicans of the great Yiddish tradition in Czernowitz," Josef

The shine in his eyes under a shock of white hair and the vigor of his gestures seemed to contradict the calendar, which says that this year Burg, the author of many books and tales, will celebrate his 80th birthday.

Burg who speaks all the local lan-guages, past and present — Yiddish, Ger-man, Russian, Ukrainian and Romanian - calls this city by its Austrian name. Only an undertone of melancholy that resonated through hours of conversation in his home and on walks through the slushy, icy streets of Chernovtsy reflected his sense that all that he recalls so vividly is

What he must do, now that the end of Soviet rule has made it possible, Burg said, is to keep it from sinking into oblivion. As a sign of recognition, he said, he has just received word from Israel that he was awarded the Segal Prize for Yiddish writ-

When the Bukovina region was one — under Austria until 1918, under Romania until 1940 — Chernovtsy, its capital, was a vital center of German and Yiddish culture. In German, as well as Yiddish, in litera-ture, theater, higher education and jour-

nalism, Jews, who made up more than onethird of the population of 120,000 until 1941, were a vital force. The bourgeois spoke German and were driven to synagogue in a horse-taxi on Yom Kippur," Burg recalled. "The ordinary people spoke Yiddish and walked."

Czernowitz became a landmark in the history of Yiddish in 1908, when the first international congress on the language, maligned by many as a mere dialect, proclaimed it a national language of the Jews, along with Hebrew.

At the end of World War II, northern Bukovina, including Chemovisy, was annexed by the Soviet Union. Chemovisy, which Burg calls a "little mirror of classi-cal Austrian culture" even under Romanian rule, became a backwater, a provincial Ukrainian industrial city of 260,000, few of whom shared Burg's memories of glory and sorrow.

Every now and then, even in the Soviet years, a traveler came to look for the house in which in 1920 Paul Celan, celebrated as one of the great modern poets of the German language, was born, or to look for people who might have known Rose Auslander, another noted poet

Both survived persecution by the Nazis and their Romanian supporters. Celan committed suicide in Paris in 1970; Aus-



Josef Burg, who is working to preserve the Yiddish tradition in Ukraine, in his apartment in Chernovisy.

lander, who lived for many years in the United States and wrote verse in English as well, died in Germany in 1988.

Burg published his first stories in the itzer Blatter, a Yiddish literary weekly, in 1934. In 1990, the author, honorary president of the Jewish Cultural Association, which he helped to found when such liberties were finally made possible under Mikhail S. Gorbachev, revived the weekly as a Russian and Yiddish monthly.
With a circulation of 1,000, the publication is a largely symbolic act.

Writers and readers of Yiddish came tolive in Chernovtsy in the postwar years, most of them survivors from the old shtetls, the seats of famous Hasidic communities, of the surrounding Carpathian Mountains. There were about 40,000 until Jewish emigration began in 1970, Burg-said; there are 10,000 now.

"They emigrated or left for eternity." Burg said. The writer spent the war and postwar years in many regions of the Soviet Union, teaching German literature, and did not return to the city of his youth until the 1960s. Only memories linked him to it; memories of hatred of Jews that have marred this region since the Austrian days, which appear golden in Burg's look back.

"Anti-Semiusm began with the Romanians," he said. "My father was fortunate to die before the Germans arrived. My brother was killed in the Spanish Civil War. My mother was murdered by the Germans, buried alive. I thought the stones would cry under my feet when I

returned — and they really did."

Burg recalled the Soviet anti-Semitism that followed the Nazi years. "All that was Jewish or Yiddish was persecuted," he said. "Parents no longer spoke Yiddish to their children. The chain between grandfathers and grandchildren was broken by the

Although as a young man he was sympathetic to communism, like his brother, he said it proved to be "the great lie of the century, the most terrible lie in history." Burg, even at a meeting five years ago, when he could speak to an American only in allusions, made clear that the Soviet government's refusal to allow Jews to tell

of the tragedies of their life as Jews reighed most heavily on him. Now he is working to revive as much of the truth of Czernowitz as he can. Plaques have been attached to houses of Jewish significance. The main synagogue, the Oc-tober Cinema since the war, with the Star of David replaced by the hammer and sickle, will be renamed Shalom, he said, and a plaque recalling the building's origin

has been put up.

The seat of the Jewish minority, on a central square facing the theater, will be returned by the city, be said.

Burg said the organization of Jews would spend whatever was necessary to restore the elaborate forged-iron banisters, whose recurrent motif, the Star of David, was painstakingly mutilated in every in-stance to make it unrecognizable.

A memorial has been put up at the bank of the Prut River, where the first mass killings of Jews took place.

Like Jews throughout the former Soviet Union, Burg feels compelled to answer a question that was not asked. "Why am I staying?" he asked, and answered: "I love Bukovina, the rustle of its woods, the river that sang my iuliaby. I cannot be other than myself."

Only petty, workaday anti-Semitism mars the atmosphere now, he said. In his birthplace, Vizhniza, famed among Hasidim as the home of the dynasty of Vishnitz rabbis, a street has just been named for him, Burg said. "While I'm still alive," he said in wonderment.

"But if a young Jew asked me, Should I stay or leave? I would say, 'Leave.' I don't believe in a future for Jews here. Not, perhaps, because of the system or the leader. The Jews have lost their bonds with the others in these 75 years."

"If I said I love Bukovina," it is Jewish. Bukovina I mean." Burg said softly, as if to himself, as a man looking into the past.

#### **PEOPLE**

Playing Madmen Keeps Anthony Hopkins Sane > Anthony Hopkins says portraying demonic characters such as Hannibal the Cannibal in the film "The Silence of the Lambs" has kept him sane. Hopkins has been nominated for a best actor Oscar for his performance as Hanniba Lecter, an intelligent murderer who eats parts of his victims. "Acting has been tremendously therapeutic to me," said Hopkins, 55, in London. "I don't know if I would have been slightly criminal, but I would not have been a very nice human being. I think I would have eaten myself alive. Acting has saved me

Is Elvis Presley remembered as the sneering, hip-swiveling rock 'n' roller or the middle-aged legend in a white sequined suit? The U.S. Postal Service is leaving it up to the American people to choose be-tween two stamp designs, one showing the King in his "Hound Dog" and "Heartbreak Hotel" years, the other in his later, Las Vegas period. Presley died in 1977 at age 42. Five million ballots will be available to the public in post offices April 4-26. The winning stamp, due in 1993, will be chosen in May, probably at Presley's Gra-celand estate in Memphis.

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TV's top second banana, Ed Mc-Mahou, has married for the third time. The 68-year-old sidekick to Johnny Carson and host of televi-sion's "Star Search" wed Pana Hurn, a fashion designer and businesswoman in her late 30s.

Jack Nicholson and Rebecca Broussard are the parents of an 8pound, 6-ounce boy. The child, not vet named was born 20 months after the comple's first child, a daughter, a spokesman said. The actor also has a 28-year-old daughter from his marriage to the actress Sandra Knight.

Natan Sharansky has been named visiting professor at Bran-deis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. He was imprisoned in the Soviet Union on charges of treason after becoming an onispo-ken leader of the dissident community in Moscow when he was refused emigration. He was released in 1986 and allowed to emigrate to Israel, where he now lives

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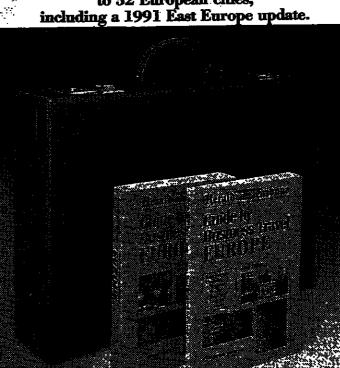
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